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Distant Perspectives with Jim McRea

By Dan Oakes

Ironically, as I return to the Sierra Madre News after a six month layoff, a theme I find in the City government, and one I left with, is the early departure from the workplace. It was shortly before I left that then-City Manager Sean Joyce moved on to South Pasadena, taking with him Anne B. McIntosh. I return to find that Police Chief Joe Surgent will be leaving shortly.

With that in mind, we spoke to Jim McRea, City Manager for over several years in Sierra Madre. Close to two decades seems like something of an eternity by current standards. But what happened to McRea? Are things so different now from the way they were then? Are people different? Is the job different? McRea currently resides in Woodland Hills, where he was contacted by telephone to share his thoughts.

The first thing McRea wanted to make clear was very simple: "I was there (Sierra Madre) 23 years, and I enjoyed every minute of it." Looking back on his years as City Manager, McRea said, "We had a few problems here and there, but basically it's not that tough coordinating employees. Managers have to balance personalities." McRea points out that by virtue of its size, Sierra Madre is naturally a City in which people in public administration tend to move on. "Most people stay (in City government in Sierra Madre) for three to five years, or they'll settle down and stay 10-15 years."

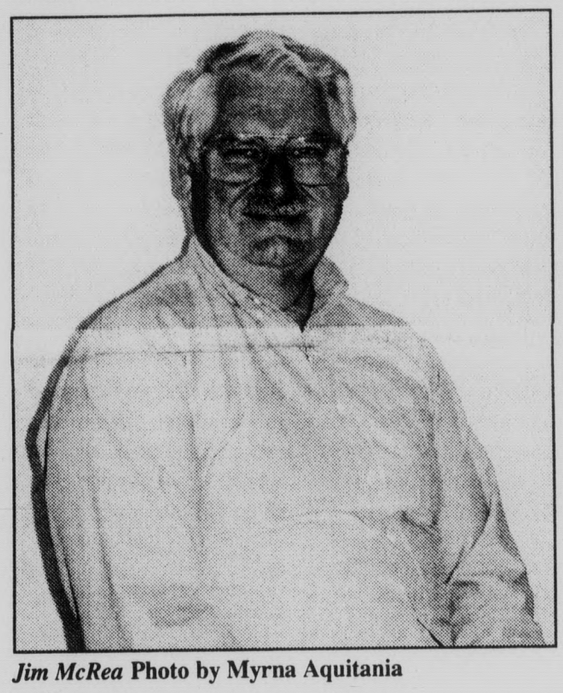
McRea defined his idea of City Managership as "Keeping people happy and productive and looking to the City Council for guidance," adding, "People have to remember that City Managers don't set policy; they implement the Council's policies."

McRea is looking to return to City Management. After leaving Sierra Madre, he did some work in Perris, California. For the last few years, he has been taking time off. His home was located two blocks from the Northridge earthquake of early 1994, which 'displaced' his house.

McRea says, "I've enjoyed the retirement very much. Having some time off was great. I'm looking forward to getting back to work." It seems like a cliche when you keep hearing it from people who live or work in town, but even long after his departure, McRea says, "Los Angeles doesn't have another city like Sierra Madre. When the time is right for me to retire, I'll probably move back to a small community."

As he looks ahead to another position in City Administration, what does the job mean to Jim

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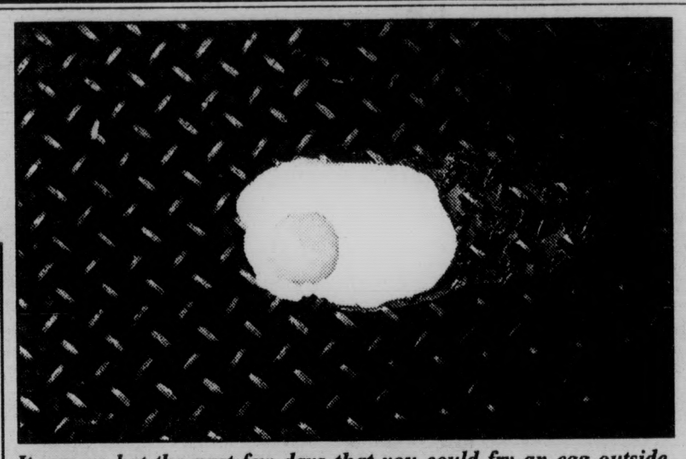


***Jim McRea* Photo by Myrna Aquitania**

Oh My Madre, It's HOT!

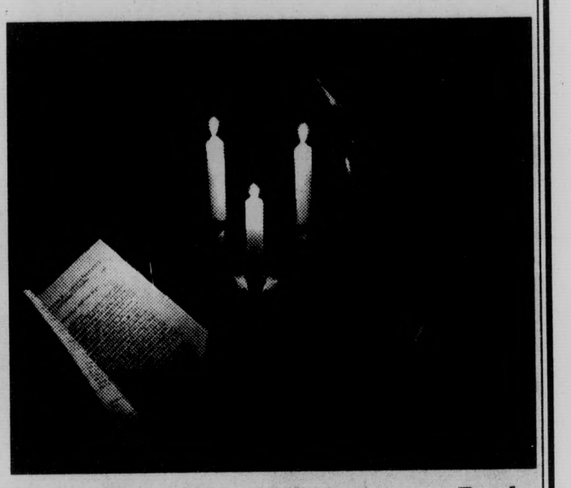


The heat wave has left people blurry vision. The temperature on this themometer, just off the 210 freeway, reads 109 at 12:00 p.m yesterday. Matt Kincaid/SMN



It was so hot the past few days that you could fry an egg outside. Breakfast anyone? Matt Kincaid/SMN





Many residents of Sierra Madre lost power on Tuesday due in part to the heat wave. One Sierra Madre resident took that time to catch up on a little reading by candlelight. Matt Kincaid/SMN

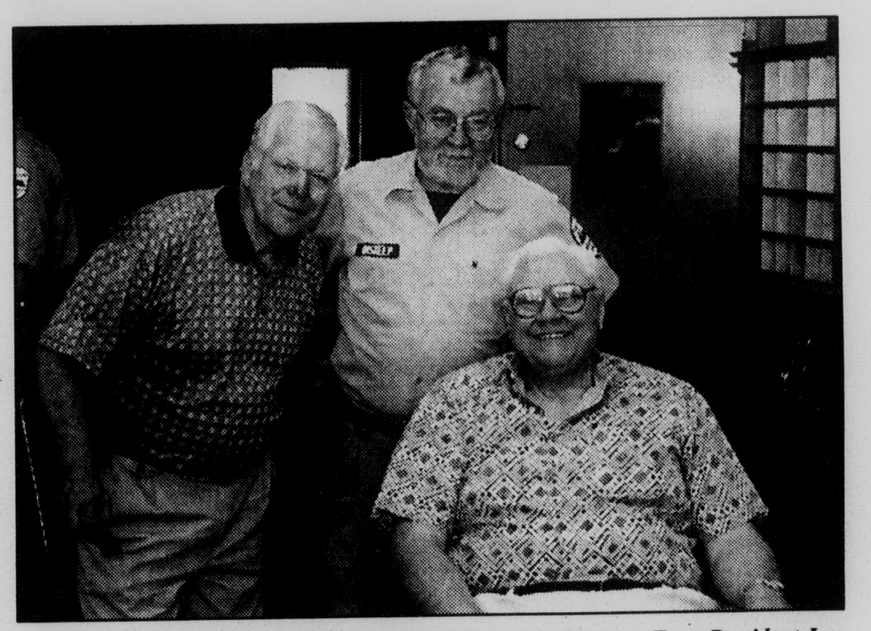
Sierra Madre firemen clean up after a blown transformer leaked oil onto a street. A small plane that crashed and killed its 3 occupants in Hesperia was responsible. Matt Kincaid/SMN

First Honorary Search & Rescue Membership to Dr. White for Help with $220,000 Grant

The members of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team recently established a new category of membership, that of Honorary Member. According to team president Jon Inskeep, the team's by-laws now provide that "the team may, from time-to-time, elect a person to the status of Honorary Member.

It is expected that this honor will be given only rarely, to a non-member of the team who has made outstanding and extraordinary contributions to the benefit of the team." Honorary Member No. 1 was recently awarded to Dr. William White of Sierra Madre. It was Dr. White

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Dr. White, pictured on left, with Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team President Jon Inskeep, and sponsor Lew Webb gather at the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue open house held Saturday. Matt Kincaid/SMN

Japanese Students Arrive in Town

By Dan Oakes

For the 14th year, a group of students from Musahino Women's College in Tokyo has arrived right here in Sierra Madre.

The students' local stay was coordinated by Bob Taillac for H.A.I., Homestead Adventures International, a local group that coordinates living arrangements with foreign exchange students, or students visiting through other programs.

In addition to several fun excursions, students will spend several hours in classes on English and American Culture, which will be held at Alverno High School. Teaching the classes will be Gail-Ann Skiles and Bob Alcorn, each of whom is hosting a student.

Taillac says, "We run a very active program for the girls," and he means it. Planned excursions include trips to the Hollywood Bowl, Las Vegas, Universal Studios, and a four-day bus trip to the Grand Canyon. In addition to coordinating the stay for the students, Bob's family always acts as one of the host families, which is how he became involved originally, when Cecile Goodwin prevailed upon him to take in a student. Bob was hooked. "It's very hectic, but it's a wonderful experience. I love it; if I didn't, I wouldn't do it."

This year, 24 students are visiting from the college. 22 of them are staying in Sierra Madre, and the other two are in Pasadena. Though the girls have had quite a bit of formal English training, their conversation English background has been sparse, and one of the major benefits of the stay is to work on their English, so if you see them, don't be shy. Despite the busy schedule, Taillac says they'll have plenty of free days to trek around Sierra Madre, either with their host families or on their own. "You'll see them popping up around town all the time," says Taillac.

Gail-Ann Skiles has been involved as a host for 14 years, and as a teacher for 12 of those years. Hers is one of what Taillac calls "15 to 18 core families"

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Students from the Musashino Womens College take a break in Kersting Court while they wait for their host families to pick them up. Matt Kincaid/SMN

POLICE CALLS
or "Dog Days"

Fri. 8-1-97

11:23 p.m. - Reports of hearing several subjects talking loudly on the Mt. Wilson Heliport.

10:35 p.m. - Reports of subject (male) wearing white shirt and black pants walking in the 100 block of E. Laurel hiding in bushes.

11:07 p.m. - 400 block of N. Lima - Reports a driver struck a dog and is having an argument with the dogs owner.

8-2

2:15 a.m. - A dead racoon lying in middle of roadway at 500 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena Humane Society called.

10:30 a.m. - Snake call - 700 block of Oakcrest Blvd. Resident reports a rattlesnake by her pool motor. Snake is disposed of.

5:26 p.m. - Rescue - A 20 year old female with severe head injuries at Chantry Flats. SM S & R request an airship to respond.

8-3

1:06 a.m. - Reports of person on her doorstep talking in the 500 block of Sturtevant.

8-4

3:06 a.m. - Reports of dog barking in the 700 block of Idlehour Lane. Officer advised subject to take dog inside.

8:27 p.m. - 600 block of Skyland - Reports yelling and profanity from location on Orange. Thinks there might be a fight. Officer advises subject is upset about a broken sprinkler. No fight.

8-5

6:20 a.m. - 600 blk. Fairview Vicious dog - Ongoing problem with neighbor letting his dog run loose. Was riding his bike and was being chased by the pit bull.

5:42 p.m. - 600 blk. of Manzanita - Reports of a blown transformer. SCE was notified and will handle till conclusion.

6:40 p.m. - 100 blk of Adams - Reports of blown transformer. Fire respondent along with SCE.

8-6

8:05 p.m. - 600 blk. of Alta Vista. - Reports she picked up her friend at location, there were several "gang" type "Mexicans" watching her friend and one had a gun.

Back in the Saddle Again

By Dan Oakes

Well, well, well...here I am on the other side of the byline again. Though it's only been about six months since I've written for the Sierra Madre News, I thought that I would take the time (and space) to refamiliarize myself with Sierra Madre and its residents.

Firstly, those of you who vaguely remember the name might be asking, "Where has he been!?" Let's put an end to some of those rumors. No, I did NOT get married. I didn't join the military, and I didn't start selling Amway. Let me also stress that City Manager John Davidson had nothing to do with my leaving, either. (That was just a little joke. Sorry.) So where HAVE I been? Well, I've been working part-time, trying to finish a novel that's been far too long in the works, playing disk golf and bridge, and trying to stay busy.

Ah, but I heard a voice that kept bringing thoughts of Sierra Madre back. A voice that kept saying, "Sierra Madre...Sierra Madre..." Whose voice? Well, the voice belonged to sports talk radio host Jim Rome, who says about once a week, "Terrence from Sierra Madre, you are next! What's up?" Does anyone know this Terrence character? I would love to do a piece on him. The name Sierra Madre was kept fresh in my mind, and I just couldn't stay away. Memories kept flooding back. What memories? Glad you asked.

First of all, there are some distinctly Sierra Madre memories. How about that Sierra Madre Trail Race? OK, so it's held WAY too early in the morning, but still. Seeing what appears to be the entire City lined up along Baldwin as masochistic runners (is that redundant?!) sail down the road is quite the experience. We have now apparently entered the Tom Casto era and left behind the Mike Gottardi era (Casto has won two trail races in a row) but who's to say Mike won't return after an absence and try to regain his title? Who's to say that teenager Matthew Rouse won't win 26 of these things in a row? The human drama of athletic competition! (Can I say that!?) I will write about the next one. There may be a Pulitzer on the line.

How about that armed robbery? Memory is so selective. The mind changes the details to protect the delicate human psyche. I see, rereading my original article on the Corfu robbery, a couple of factual errors. I had written that a suspect exchanged fire with Detective John Cordischi, hid in someone's back yard, and was sniffed out by a dog and apprehended without further incident. However, I have recently uncovered a repressed memory. What REALLY happened was that when he came out with his pistol firing...no, wait, it was an Uzi. Anyway, when he came out and opened fire, I jumped in front of Detective Cordischi and Chief Surgent and pushed them out of the line of fire, then, myself unarmed, tackled the suspect where he was taken into custody. I also chased one of the other suspects and hopped up onto the hood of his getaway car, but I was thrown off at high speed after struggling in vain to yank him from the car. My injuries were not life-threatening.

There was also the headline introducing people to City Councilman Dart Boyle. The real reason I came back is that I want to intentionally switch initials prior to future elections. What about incumbents Him Jester? Hug Days? Maryann MacGillivray (Oh wait, I guess that one doesn't change.)

On a more serious note, probably most of all I missed covering youth athletics. AYSO, the Maranatha Minutemen, the La Salle Lancers, and even the Pasadena Bulldogs. Those St. Rita's Raiders (and Raiderettes!) Sierra Madre Little League, Pony/Colt, and Softball, the swim team, and even those Brookside golf results.

The Candlelight Walk sticks in the list of permanent Sierra Madre memories. The Joe Feeney version, 1996, was a thing of beauty. The songs were beautiful, the dogs didn't bite me, and I got lots of good quotes. We poured down Baldwin as if there was a 2,000-way tie for first place in the Trail Race.

Anyway, I'm back. If it's a story, I want it. If it's news, tell me. I'm still at 355-3324. Give me the next huge story for the newspaper. And someone dig up Terrence from Sierra Madre. Somewhere between 25-40, rabid sports fan. I want to do a story on him. Maybe I should run a contest...anyone who finds Terrence wins dinner with noted journalist Dan Oakes. Must be female, single, and 18 or over to win. Maybe not even single. Offer void where prohibitted by law. Terrence, I'm calling you out! Get a hold of me!

Have fun, everyone, and we'll see you next week!

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Help! Summer Wardrobe

And have we been enjoying the good ole summer time these past few days! For those of us on vacation, clothes haven't been too much of a problem, but not everybody can take his vacation at the same time. So for those of us still on the job, there's the problem of clothes.

Dresses, slacks and suits wrinkle easier during hot weather, and there are those cooling drinks to be spilled, those fruit and melon stains. And if you think you're hot and uncomfortable, think about your clothes! The heat tends to set those stains, making them harder to remove from fabrics. The harder the stain is to remove, the more wear and tear on your clothing. Moisture makes the wrinkles more permanent.

Most of us usually have a larger summer wardrobe, allowing for more changes. Naturally, we feel better and cooler when clothes are fresh. So don't hang them back in the closet after wearing - thinking to yourself - "I'll just wait until they all need to be cleaned - and take 'em in all at once." Bring them in now. Do yourself and your clothes a favor. You'll benefit by looking better and feeling fresher in your clean, clean clothes. Your clothes will wear longer and look better with more frequent cleaning - the sooner after staining, the better. BRING THEM TO -

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Memory Lane

The Big Red Car

Back in the days when Sierra Madre didn't have taxis or buses our only mode of mass transportation was THE BIG RED CAR.

The Big Red Car ran on electricity from overhead power lines and along a railroad track in the middle of the street.

Oh, the excitement was almost unbearable when Mom would tell me that we would be taking The Big Red Car to down town Pasadena or to down town Los Angeles to go shopping. I had to get all dressed up in my Sunday best whenever we went on The Big Red Car. I didn't like that part of it very much, but it was worth it.

The house we lived in was on the east side of town so we would walk down Mountain Trail to Highland. On the southwest corner of Highland and Mountain Trail was the end of the line for The Big Red Car. The station house, was a big old gray building, with benches inside to sit on and keep you out of the weather while you waited for The Big Red Car. When we got there, we usually had to wait for the car to arrive, it always seemed like forever until The Big Red Car came along--even though it was probably just a few minutes till it got there and the passengers got off and then we were allowed to board it.

Mom had to help me get up on the first step, because that was a big one. It was a little high for me and my legs were a little short. But once I was up on that first step I could make the rest of the steps on my own, they weren't as big as the first step. When I got into the car, I could smell the grease and oil and that meant I was off on a wonderful adventure.

I ran to the seat that I wanted and always made sure I got the seat by the window. The seats were long bench-like ones; with a high comfortable backs on them, covered in dark leather and they were nice and comfortable. Mom always let me have the window seat because I had to see the wonders that presented themselves to my eyes as we rode along. It seemed like forever waiting for The Big Red Car to start its journey with all the people getting off and on and everything moving about but finally after everybody was seated The Big Red Car started moving. Oh, boy!

I would get up on my knees at the window to see what treasures I could behold. If it was a warm day they left the windows open a few inches so I could feel the wind on my face. I really liked that.

The Big Red Car ran diagonally west starting at Highland and came out at the southwest corner of Montecito and Baldwin, then made half a turn to the left and south on Baldwin to the main station house at the island on Kersting Court. The Big Red Car stopped there to pick up more passengers. It was a magnificent station house, painted all gray with beautiful benches all lined up inside and out. The walls all around were covered with windows to see through.

As soon as the new passengers came aboard and got seated we took off again. We would go west on Sierra Madre Blvd., down the middle of the street, through Hastings Ranch, which was not developed yet, continuing past the grape vineyards and orange groves and down the hill. The Big Red Car would pick up speed going west from Sierra Madre Villa. Clackity-clack went the wheels of The Big Red Car and it would rock gently back and forth down Sierra Madre Blvd. And around the bend all the way to Colorado Blvd. We crossed Colorado Blvd. at Sierra Madre Blvd., and went to the south side of the street and stopped there in the middle of the street at another smaller station house. In those days that location was called Lamanda Park.

Often we would stop there and get off The Big Red Car and go shopping in Pasadena. What was more fun was to stay on The Big Red Car and continue on until we reached down town Los Angeles. Once we arrived in Los Angeles, we would get off to do Mom's shopping. When we were finished we always ate lunch. Mom would give me my choice of which place to eat. We had two restaurants that were our favorites: going to the Pig 'n Whistle where they had the best milk shakes in my world or at Clifton's Cafeteria down the street.

Clifton's was all dark inside like a grotto and you walked through a cave like setting before you got to the cafeteria line. Boy, that was really fun. I got to pick out whatever I wanted from the little plates of food that were presented. Once we ordered our food we would take our trays to one of the tables in the grotto area. I remember colored lights, ferns and small waterfalls coming down the walls of the cave. It was all dark inside, and a little spooky.

After we finished lunch we would head for The Big Red Car station and go home. Off we would go again, coming home, up the hills. Almost invariably after a few minutes of riding and rocking along the wonderful The Big Red Car I would fall asleep. Dreaming dreams of little boy adventures. Mom would have to wake me up at the end of the line and tell me that we were home, safe and sound.

Sierra Madre News

Letters to the Editor

What's in a name?

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Sierra Madre for about 3 years now, it's a great place full of kind people - But all this talk about "Bean Town". I know Sierra Madre is predominantly a Caucasian Community of older persons, so maybe it doesn't cross your minds, but the term Bean Town is derogatory & racially offensive to many So. Calif. residents, I know it refers to coffee beans but its no different than selling bagels at a "Hymie Town," or "Jew Ville", colorful attire at "Gay Town," ribs at "N-word Town" or many other racially divisive terms that come to mind. Entrepreneurs who use names like this, are fanning the fires of racial inequity and I will not spend my monies there.

Sincerely,
Ben Singer
Sierra Madre

Dear St. Rita's Alumni,

As a fellow St. Rita's alumnus, I would like to extend to you an invitation to attend Spirit Day, September 27. Please join me in reminiscing over old times and partake in a day of family fun.

With this letter, I am also seeking your support for the event. Memorabilia are needed for display at our alumni booth (pictures, articles, uniforms, trophies, etc.). Of particular interest are Mrs. Henning's original beanbags. Those of you who attended St. Rita from the 1950's to 1970, would know what I am referring to. One of my most vivid memories of our school was of my 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Henning, hurling beanbags at unruly students.

In addition, your participation at the alumni booth and sponsorships are welcome.

If you would like to be involved, please call me at (818)355-4027.

Lastly, I would like to share my memories of St. Rita School with you in hopes you will return to where your childhood memories were formed.

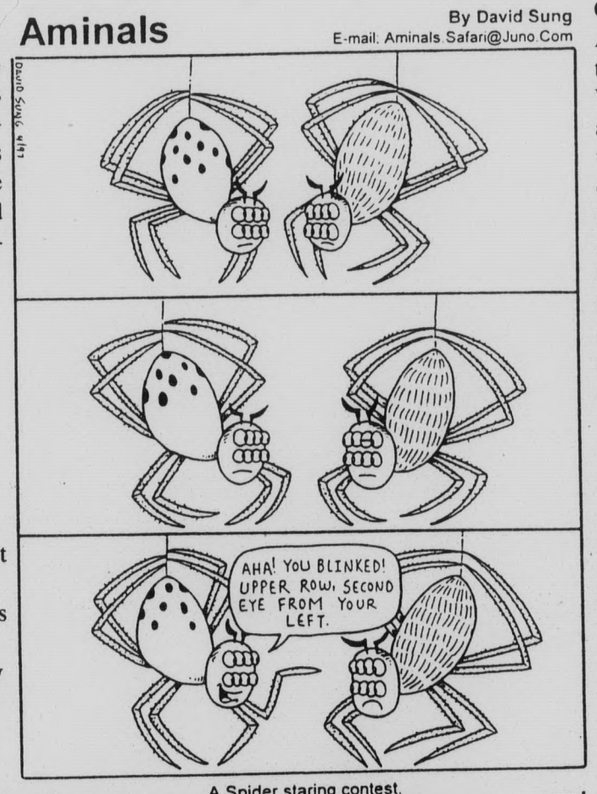
Ducking Beanbags

At the time
It didn't seem much fun
Ducking beanbags
A teacher had flung.
But almost 30 years have past
And now I can laugh.
Parochial upbringing -
Directed, but intimidating.
To this day, I'm grateful
For the grammar that it taught
Mrs. Henning's product maps,
Miss Bagnuolo's philosophic questions
Sister Patrice's motivations -
Made me see I could do a lot.
Sister Corinne did cause me shock
Forbidding me to wear orange socks!
But all in all
Survive it I did,
Proud of the education it sought,
And lasting friendships that it brought.

Helen Simmons Conroy
Class of '72

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A Spider staring contest.

Sierra Perfume Cuts Ribbon



Sierra Perfume finally got their ribbon cutting. They have been open for a while, and have great deals on designer perfumes. Matt Kincaid/SMN

New Gate Enhances Japanese Garden

By Dan Oakes

It all started three years ago. After reading an article in the Los Angeles Times article, Natalie Sandoval and Alex Johnstone hunted for the remains of an old Japanese garden at Sierra Madre Primary School. They found a remnant or two, and the result was a second job for Lew Watanabe. OK, that's not exactly how it happened. Many people have donated time and money to the restoration of the Japanese garden, but most people involved would have to agree that Lew's time and energy have gone a long way towards its continued beauty.

Lew becamed involved after receiving a phone call from Natalie's mother, Linda Sandoval, asking if he could lend some expertise to the restoration. Lew calls Linda an "unsung hero" of the garden, and says that she's done "an incredible amount of work." Bill McKernan set up much of the materials purchasing and donated his time for sketching and conceptualization. At Sierra Madre Primary School, Helen Ponterelli and principal Cheryl Portillo have enthusiastically supported the garden.

The latest project for the volunteers was the completion of a Garden Gate, modeled after a "Torii Gate". Torii Gates lead to temples, however, so let there be no confusion; this isn't a Torii Gate. The project took roughly one month to complete, with most work coming on the weekends, though Lew's professional crew worked some during the week also. Lew calls the gate "an afterthought" in the sense that it wasn't part of the original plans for the garden, but it connects one side to the other. Where the halves looked disjointed before, they are connected now. Most of the funding for the Japanese garden comes from private donations. Both individuals and funds or trusts, such as the Sierra Madre Isseis Memorial Fund, the Donors' Designated Fund, and the Jameson Trust. Lew is hoping that enough funds will come in to provide for permanent maintenance. Currently, students at the school take care of raking the sand garden and feeding the fish during the year, with local residents Steve and Becky Bickel feeding the fish throughout the summer. A bench was also added in June.

The garden was originally completed in August, 1931 by Roy Kaya. Vandalism and neglect caused its disappearance, in part due to anti-Japanese post World War II sentiment, and the restoration also symbolized "an end to the wounds of war," says Watanabe.

And now, with the completion of the gate, the garden is whole. Lew can rest. Take it easy on the weekends, relax a little. Says Lew, "It's finally finished now; it's complete. Of course, it would be nice if we could install some security lights and cameras. Maybe re-do the concrete..."



Healing the wounds of War and Misunderstanding- *Sitting under their newly completed "Gate" to the Garden of Goodwill is a group of special people. Front row from left to right: Jason Johnson, Arturo Gacia. Back row left to right: Gerald Twedell, Javier, Isidoro, Bill McKernan and Dr. Nelius Ronning. Missing is David Osti. Special thanks to Joanne Federicks for the loan of her belt sander. And a big round of applause to Lew Watanabe, who is behind the camera!*

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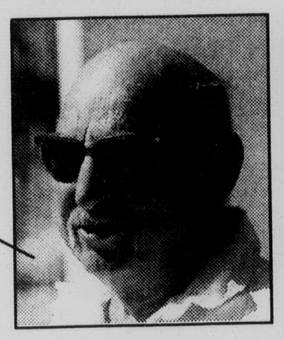
Man on the Street: Would You Turn In Your Gun-Toting Mom



"No, I don't think that we should have that here in Sierra Madre. I think it is sort of a squealer program and we don't need that." **Don Shead, 69**



"Well, I don't have any friends to turn in. But I don't think it would work very well because of the example set by house alarms."
Marlene Curtis, 28.



"I'd probably turn you in. Although I don't think we need something like that in Sierra Madre. I don't see people running around shooting guns off."
Joe Grippy, 72.

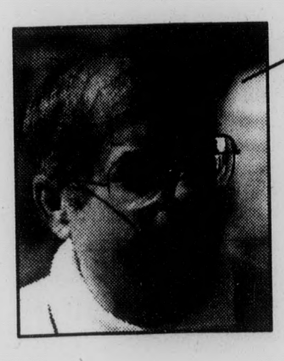
"Brandishing a weapon is against the law, no matter who does it."
Dale Workman, 54



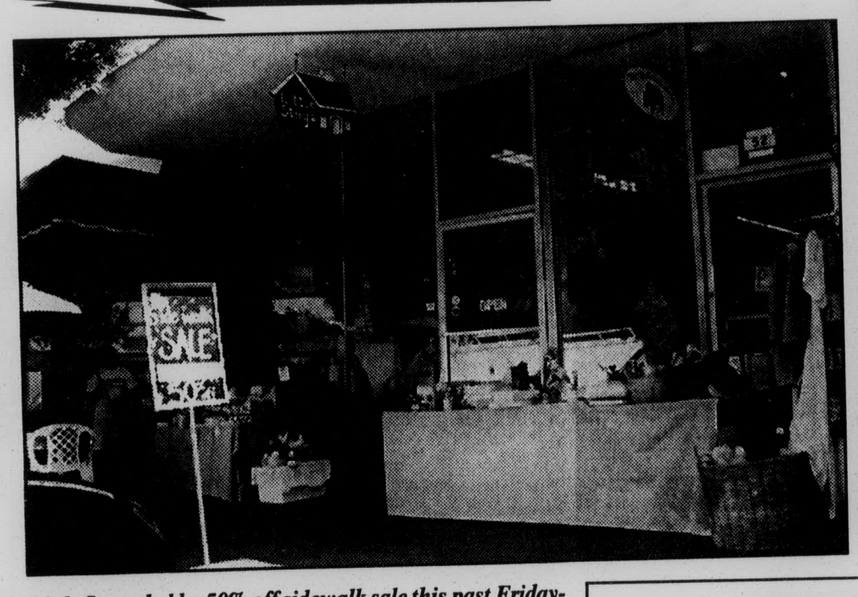


"I don't know about the closest person I would turn in, but I think we could use any program that would help the police."
Al Bailey, 50

"I think that Sierra Madre is a very safe neighborhood. My impression is that the incidents in Sierra Madre are rare. I would turn in someone I didn't know, but if I knew them, I would ask them why they were carrying a weapon."
Dhun Sethna, 48



In Monrovia, the police as well as the city council have recently enrolled the help of the We-Tip company in combating crime. The We-Tip company from a few dollars per Monrovia citizen is providing a hotline number for people to call in the event that they witness a crime, such as a person brandishing a weapon or destroying private property, as well as other significant crimes. For calling the hotline number and providing a useful tip that helps the police catch a criminal, the caller can receive up to a one-hundred dollar reward. This program has been endorsed by several police departments elsewhere because it does help them catch criminals. Now we ask you, the citizens of Sierra Madre, could Sierra Madre use a program like We-Tip and if Sierra Madre did have one, who would be the closest person to you that you would turn in?



Little Stuga held a 50% off sidewalk sale this past Friday-Sunday. Owner Joan Sheets said that the sale went very well. Matt Kincaid/SMN

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Applications are available at the Administrative Offices of City Hall and the Public Library. Applications should be submitted at either location by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, (626)7135.

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Civic Club Sponsors Concert in the Park

by Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Civic Club invites you to enjoy summer outdoors as they sponsor this Sunday night's Concert in the Park, Aug. 10, held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Memorial Park.

The very popular Down Beat Express returns. This 18 piece band with their excellent vocalists feature the Big Band sound for a wonderful night of nostalgia.

For a double treat that night the Sierra Madre Chorale will perform first. This 35-member group was organized three years ago and has provided special entertainment here in the city under the direction of Fred Copeland. Betty Gagney is president of the chorale and they rehearse Monday nights, 7:30 at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.

Civic Club will have a refreshment booth during the concert as part of their fund raising and to round out your evening's enjoyment. So come, bring blankets and lawn chairs and take advantage of a free family activity in this lovely park setting. See you there.

'98 Rose Parade Pin Available

"All Aboard" - Sierra Madre's Entry in the 1998 Rose Parade. The collector's pin depicting a train is no available at Little Stuga, 50 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The price os $5 includes sales tax. Proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.

Rosemary Children's Star Chef's Event Nets $10,000

A check for $10,000 was handed to Rosemary Children's Services, a 76 year old agency helping those from abuse or neglect, by Donna Riegel, Chairperson for the Annual Evening with Star Chefs fund-raiser. The event featured over a dozen of the best area chefs who contributed their fine cuisine to the event in support of Rosemary's good work with children.

"It's so gratifying to see so many people pull together for this wonderful organization," stated Ms. Riegel. "I'm so pleased to be able to donate these funds on behalf of the hard-working committee and, of course, all the generous chefs."

Traditionally held in June, Evening With Star Chefs has a 34 year tradition and is the oldest event of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley. Supporters enjoy ample tastings from every chef while listening to great music, this year from Dave Sommerville, formerly of The Diamonds. The evening also includes dancing and an auction all at Alverno High School in Sierra Madre.

Rosemary Children's Services is a non-profit charity providing a full range of care and treatment services for children who are in immediate need of a place to live and is financed through fees for service, grants and public support. Questions about the programs of Rosemary and volunteer opportunities can be directed to Jennie Wong, Director of Development, at (818)844-3033.

Rosemary Needs Foster Families for Teens

Those wishing to help children from abuse and neglect can best serve these innocents by being foster parents. The 76-year-old Rosemary Children's Services, needs families fro teens throughout Los Angles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

Currently, their most urgent need is foster families specifically for teens. Boys and girls, ages 13-17, are referred to Rosemary by the authorities when it is deemed their natural families are unable to care for them. Many have suffered abuse or abandonment and need a caring home and safe environment. At Rosemary, they are stabilized, given a safe environment, educated, and counseled.

Rosemary foster parents receive training, ongoing supervision and financial support. To discover how you can help, contact Steve Sproule, Director of Foster Care, at (626)844-3033.

Old-Time Photos Appearing in Downtown Windows

Keep an eye out for enlarged photographs or yesteryear as they appear in windows in downtown Sierra Madre.

They're part of the Pioneer Days revival planned for early November.

Some photos show the storefronts as they appeared in earlier years, perhaps with different owners running entirely different businesses. Some of the storefronts have changed almost beyond recognition... in others, traces of their former selves are quite evident.

Some photos show the Pioneer days held in the '30s and '40s. The young lads and lassies in vintage clothes, riding vintage wagons and having a rollicking food time - those lads and lassies are among the oldtimers who are now helping the Pioneer Days committees plan for this year's fun.

This year was chosen as an appropriate time to revive the Pioneer Days tradition, as 1997 is the 90th anniversary of the City's incorporation.

Keep watching! - because as the Pioneer Days celebration nears, more and more of the photos will be on display.

Photo Donors Thanked, Sought

YOUR historic photos could be among those displayed in Sierra Madre windows during the upcoming Pioneer Days celebration.

A number of local residents have already shared some of their family photographs, albums and memorabilia with Judy Webb-Martin, chair of the Pioneer Days Ad Hoc Committee. Among the collection are:

Charles Hall Perry photos showing their home on Adams, camping in Orchard Camp, and a soap-box derby;

Norris Grocery photos on Lima and Central (now Sierra Madre Boulevard), the village's first grocery (more recently Roess's Market and, even later, Crystal Farms);

Dumas Appliance Store pictures from Ann Dumas;

E. Waldo Ward & Sons Marmalade Factory and ranch photos from Richard and Jeff Ward; and

Pioneer Day photos of the '40s from John Grijalva, "Beans" Colbert, and Joe Grippi.

Judy Webb-Martin says she seeks additional photos from turn-of-the-century times through about 1920. After having them enlarged, she will return originals promptly to donors. Contact her at 355-2384.

S.M.F.D. RESPONSES

The Sierra Madre Fire Dept. responded to 16 calls from Monday, July 28, 1997 through Sunday, August 3, 1997.

Mon., July 28, 1997

11:00 a.m. - Medical Call, 300 blk W. Laurel Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

4:50 p.m. - Medical Call, 300 blk Toyon Rd., patient left in own care.

Tues., July 29, 1997

5:24 a.m. - Medical Call, 300 blk Ramona Ave., patient left in own care.

9:32 a.m. - Medical Call, 400 blk Sierra Keys Dr., patient left in own care.

6:22 p.m. - Service Call, Chantry Flats Rd., traffic collision assist.

Wed., July 30, 1997

6:31 p.m. - Medical Call, 500 blk Sierra Meadow Dr., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

11:31 p.m. - Medical Call, 600 blk E. Sierra Madre Blvd., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

Thurs., July 31, 1997

No Calls.

Fri., Aug. 1, 1997

No Calls.

Sat., Aug. 2, 1997

3:25 p.m. - Fire Call, 100 blk W. Laurel Ave., carbon monoxide monitor activation. Three patients left in own care.

5:52 p.m. - Medical Call, 100 blk W. Laurel Ave., patient assist only.

5:59 p.m. - Fire Call, 1000 blk Coronado, Arcadia Mutual Aid - structure fire.

7:18 p.m. - Fire Call, 2000 blk Liliano Dr., smoke scare from barbecue.

7:29 p.m. - Fire Call, Canyon Park, Monrovia Mutual Aid - brush fire.

9:50 p.m. - Medical Call, 100 blk E. Highland Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

10:52 p.m. - Fire Call, 100 blk Suffolk Ave., smoke scare from barbecue.

Sun., Aug. 3, 1997

9:01 p.m. - Medical Call, 100 blk E. Montecito Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

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The Sierra Madre Senior Citizens Club meets every Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Memorial Park House Senior Center. Bring your own lunch; coffee is served. Card playing, speakers, entertainment, field trips and special events.

Sierra Madre Garden Club dinner meeting & program, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center. Dinner $8.50. Reservations 355-0774.

Sierra Madre Chorale rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church Choir Room.

The Sierra Madre Recycling Center, located at the rear of 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. takes cardboard and mixed paper, including magazines, catalogs, and telephone books, and glass and aluminum. Money received will be divided between City Environmental Fund and Western Waste Industries.

Free blood pressure and sugar at the Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Clinic held the first Monday of every month.

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Japanese Students

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that H.A.I. can rely on to host a student each year. Skiles calls her experience "absolutely fantastic," and says "The girls have always been delightful and very eager to learn about American ways of life." Skiles has stayed in touch with 3/4 of the students who have stayed with her. When asked which excursion the girls seemed to enjoy the most, she said, "All of them, for different reasons. They love the culture of the Huntington Library, and they have fun at Disneyland and compare it to Tokyo Disneyland. Then, of course, they just enjoy spending time with the host families. We try to make it a very well-rounded experience."

McRea's Perspective

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McRea? "It's a lot of things. There are different areas to address each day. It's meeting community expectations. It's running what ammounts to a small business. It's implementing Council's ideas, even when they may be contrary to the direction you might like to go. It's allocating limited resources to meet unlimited needs, and looking to the Council to prioritize those needs. It's quite a job."

Honorary Search & Rescue Member

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who was instrumental in bringing together the rescue team and the Berger and Webb-Berger Foundations in the team's efforts to acquire Los Angles County Fire Station 108 as the team's new headquarters.

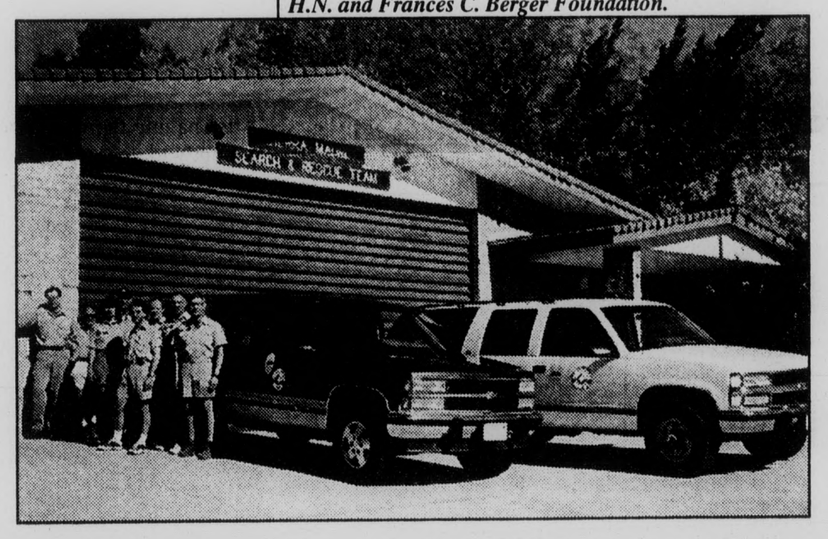
This ultimately resulted in the Webb-Berger Foundation awarding the rescue team an outright grant, of $220,000, sufficient to pay off entirely its mortgage to the County for the property. In addition, the Berger Foundation donated two late-model Chevrolet Suburban trucks to the ream. The rescue team credits Dr. White with making this possible. In presenting the award to Dr. White, Inskeep said "in our first 46 years of existence, there comes to mind no single person who has made a greater contribution to the betterment of this team. It may be another 46 years until we award this honor again if this is the standard to be met."

Search & Rescue Team Given Two New Rescue Vehicles

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has just received two late-model Chevrolet Suburbans, an in-kind grant from the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation of Palm Desert. The 1993 four-wheel-drive and the 1994 two-wheel drive Suburbans will be added to the two trucks the team already owns, greatly increasing the team's response capabilities to search and rescue operations around the state, as well as here in the local San Gabriel mountains. The team currently operates a 1968 Dodge four-wheel drive truck, and a 1984 Ford van. The latter was donated to the team in 1984 by the Pasadena Foundation. Both current trucks are identically equipped with extensive radio, medical, and rescue equipment, allowing the team to respond to more than one operation at a time, something that has happened many times in the past. The new four-wheel-drive vehicle will give the team, for the first time, the ability to transport an injured victim in a litter, or stretcher, over back country roads in the local National Forest, something that previously required team members to use their own personal four-wheel-drive vehicles. The new two-wheel drive truck will be used primarily to transport personnel to search and rescue operations outside the local area. Up to eight team members and their equipment will be able to ride together to operations from Baja to the Northern Sierra, instead of having to go in several personal vehicles.

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, the oldest organized mountain rescue team in California, was formed in 1951, and currently has 26 members, all volunteers. The team recently moved into its new headquarters in Sierra Madre, a former Los Angeles County Fire Station now owned by the team.

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San Francisco's Big One

by Phyllis Chapman

On my bulletin board there's a cartoon by Los Angeles Time cartoonist Conrad that I cut out after one of major earthquakes. He shows a man sitting amongst the total destruction of his home. The TV is still playing and says, "Fortunately this earthquake was not the "Big One."

Well, the city of San Francisco has already had the quake that would qualify as their "Big One". Nature struck 91 years ago at 5:12 a.m., April 18, 1906. It registered 8.3. The crest of the earth dropped 21 feet and historians are still trying to learn the true number of casualties. The city was taken by total surprise and of course the terrible fire followed.

The nation was booming in 1906 and San Francisco was riding the top of the boom. The population was 400,000, a lively, light hearted city, that was full of growth. The great Italian tenor, Enrico Caruso, had checked into the famous Palace Hotel and on the night of the seventeenth gave a glorious performance in the Grand Opera House as Don Jose in "Carmen." The advance sale of tickets, $10 tops, was 100,000. After the quake Caruso vowed never to return to the city and he never did. That's interesting because just the week before Mt. Vesuvius had erupted again sending ashes and lava covering 100s of miles of countryside and into the villages. Money that we were preparing to send to Italy for relief was now diverted for the urgent need here.

San Francisco, in spite of its progress was headed by handsome Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz whose administration was racked with graft. Everyone was on the take and everyone knew it. A great example was the City Hall building which cost millions of crooked dollars to build and was not only destroyed in the quake but the destruction exposed its fake marble columns.

The initial phase of the quake was a deafening roar matched only by the violence of the earth's movement. It lasted about 65 seconds but seemed an eternity. Then an awful silence followed. Many thought it was Judgement Day.

The crazy dance of the tremor toppled towers, chimneys, crumbled rows of frame houses to splintered kindling, threw cornices and whole walls into the streets, twisted steel rails, bridges and pipelines. Rows of houses leaned against each other and looked like "tottering drunks". Gas mains were snapped, almost all water

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Creative Arts Group Installs 1997-1998 Board

The installation luncheon for Creative Arts Group Board of Directors was recently held at El Portal Restaurant in Pasadena. Yolanda Shewell, 1996-1997 president, presented her outgoing Board with key chains and Jacki Raymond, executive director, presented them with sun pins as thank yous for jobs well done. Yolanda Shewell will serve again as president for 1997-1998, and will be joined by Jan Eriksson, 1st vice president (membership); Vicki Mathieu and Romilda Lovrensky, 2nd vice presidents, (volunteers); Jan Reed and Ann Luke, 3rd vice presidents, (publicity); Patty Heather, secretary; Nancy Killen, treasurer; and Mavis Pfeiffer, gallery. David Williams, Peirre Mathieu, Henny Moskowitz, Dottie Burnett, Barbara Whiteside, Maybelle Wunderlin, Audree Swanson, Bette Robinson, Fran Andreoli, Nan Murphy, Jerry Burnett, Joanne Kirk, Lannea Melzian, Eva Long, Cathy Imhoff, Julie Rosenthal, Suzie Kustner, Bob Allen, Debbie Schweiner, Laura Ur, Marie Lohse, Muriel Call, Pat Kocsis, Margie Johnson, Ruth Bell, Judy Webb-Martin, Jacquie Pergola, Bonnie Landsberg, Audrey Vore, Pam Kelly, Zora Feran, Ann Bixell, and Mary Wallace will serve on and chair various committees throughout the year.

The Mary L. Wallace Outstanding Service Award established in 1989 in recognition of outstanding service to Creative Arts Group was awarded to David Williams, Pierre Mathieu, and Debbie Schweiner for their extraordinary service to the art center.



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On Stage



By Mary Cogswell-Baum

I fell in love with Henry Plantagenet, England's Henry V, back in the forties. The Battle of Britain was under way when Laurence Olivier, the greatest actor of his time, played Henry in a morale boosting film that was shot in Ireland under considerable difficulties. It was part patriotic poster, part early Renaissance tapestry, and part Shakespeare, with a glimpse of the Tudor theater, where it was originally played, thrown in.

In 1989, Kenneth Branagh, a tough little Irish actor, made a movie with another angle. He used Henry's story to show the pain and futility of war, and an ordinary but stubborn man rising reluctantly but successfully to heroic leadership. That worked too.

One of the joys of Shakespeare is that his plays may be done so many ways. The author is not around to object if his work is cut and pieced, as it has to be. Audiences will seldom sit still for the four hours or more that complete authenticity can call for. And "Henry V" is an intricate play. There is the national hero, for whom Shakespeare provided some of the greatest pep-talks ever written, and probably the most entertaining love scene in literature. There are the intrigues of his court. And there are peripheral characters left over from the "Henry IV" plays. It seems Henry V, as Prince of Wales, loved to play around with the commoners, and spent a lot of time with the appealing rascal John Falstaff and his low-life buddies, and the author had to tell the Elizabethan audience what happened to them. Although Henry abruptly put them aside when he became king, they follow him into war and, being the petty crooks they are, get into serious trouble. Their story is usually minimized these days. Then there is the King of France, his boastful son, the Dauphin, his delicate, sheltered daughter, and the Constable of France, his Chief of Staff.

And there are battles, full of small comic or dramatic incidents. - Well, it's a great play, and actors love it. The character of Henry is well rounded, an inspired leader but a very human man, ready to play practical jokes on his followers (Shakespeare only hints at the dark side so necessary to a medieval autocrat.) In the current production at the Knightsbridge Theater, David Newell plays the attractive Henry with enthusiasm and considerable charm. Dane Cole and Aaron Glickman make the opening expository scene concerning Henry's claim to the throne of France more amusing than usual. James Brown-Orleans a unique actor, gives us a rather startling version of the Constable of France. Cynthia DeCure is lovely as the innocently coquettish Princess and Bonnie MacBird is the properly concerned maid. The other twelve or so actors are busy taking nineteen other roles, many brief, but it works out convincingly enough.

One of the leading roles in the play is the Chorus. In the tradition of the Greeks, this Chorus (Karesa McEtheny) introduces, comments and explains as some of Shakespeare's most revealing lines indicate his notion of the role of the audience.

A battle is called for: "Can we cram within this wooden O the very casques that did afright the air at Agencourt?...on your imaginary forces work, think when we talk of horses that you see them, printing their proud hooves in the receiving earth!"

Good advice when large events must take place in small spaces. "--For tis your thoughts that now must deck our kings!"; a proper rebuke to a critic who tends to irritation over the casual Knightsbridge way of mixing periods in props and costume. Admittedly, Shakespeare had to do that too.

"Henry V" has a straightforward story, with an authentic miracle at its climax and a lot of humanity before that, and director Christian Noble has kept it that way.

Currently "Henry V' is playing Saturday evenings at 8:00, but call 440-0821 to make sure, since the Knightsbridge is also playing "The Importance of Being Ernest" and William Inge's "Picnic" during the next few weeks.

The Knightsbridge Theater is in the basement of the Braley Building, 35 D. Raymond, in Pasadena's Old Town.

Heroics At The Knightsbridge



Daresa McEthany plays Chorres to the tale of "Henry V" before (L to R) David Newman, David Nevell and John Sterges in the Knightsbridge Producton.

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The Wine Guys

By Vince Pirolli & David Schaefer

Too Hot? Don't Whine, Drink Wine!

Summer has arrived, especially this week in full force. Triple digit temperatures have seemed to squelch outdoor barbecues and have us looking for lighter and less complicated fare. This in turn, makes our wine choices to be much of the same. Briskly chilled whites and even some gently cooled reds are the logical choices.

Delicately sweet and fruity Chenin Blancs, crisp Sauvignon Blancs, and even French Beaujolais make delicious and refreshing aperitifs.

Riesling, as consumers are quickly discovering, can be highly versatile with "picnic" foods. The lightest styles of Rieslings from Germany are labeled Kabinett and most from Alsace are very dry. They make great matches with lighter pastas and cream sauces, as their crisp acidity balanced with a touch of sweetness cuts through the richness of most of these dishes, and also blend well with their texture and creaminess.

In California, the terms White or Johannisberg are used to denote the true German Riesling. Many wineries who produce Riesling will make two styles, with the Alsatian style usually labeled as Dry White Riesling. Ventana Vineyards, in Monterey and Firestone Santa Ynez are both producing fine examples.

Gewurztraminer, a varietal traditionally grown in Alsace and California, offers a sweet spice aroma but is usually very dry. It is best matched with Asian dishes, especially Chinese or simply on its own. Gundlach-Bundschu in Sonoma , from their Rhinefarm Vineyards, produce an outstanding, dry Alsation style Gewurztraminer.

Light reds, such as California's Napa or Monterey Gamay, France's Beaujolais and Beaujolais-Villages and even the slightly heavier styles of Brouilly, Fleurie, Morgon, Moulin-a-Vent are excellent slightly chilled and work well with almost any type of food including hamburgers, grilled meats and lamb. Negociants Georges Duboeuf and Joseph Drouhin produce many of these styles and are widely available.

Don't forget the often overlooked Roses made from Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Grenache. McDowell, located in Mendocino, produces an outstanding Grenache-Rose. Other producers to look for are Saintsbury, Sanford, Bonny Doon and Joseph Phelps.

The one wine that will always be the correct choice would be a bottle of bubbly -Champagne. Sparkling wine of type is guaranteed to refresh and put a smile on you and your "hot" summer guests.

Till next week

Stay cool, Salute'

Pacific Dance Center's Current Happenings

The San Gabriel Valley is buzzing with summer camp excitement. An entire studio full of students ages 4-12 years old attended a summer-full of fun and learning at Pacific Dance Centre's annual Summer Dance Camp. Not only did students learn extensive skills in ballet, jazz, hip/hop, tap and acrobatics, they also had fun creating clever and exciting props and costumes in arts and crafts classes all under the creative direction of teachers Margaret Pett and Katie Kurutz and Director Pat Farmer. Students celebrated their accomplishments every Friday on theme day by displaying their handiwork and dressing appropriately to the day's theme. Western day, Fiesta day, The UnBirthday party, and Fairy day were among the many highlights of the program. To top it off, parents were invited to a recital at the end where they were wowed by the intricate choreography and amazing new skills of their talented children.

Fall registration is now beginning for Pacific Dance Centre's exciting new fall session which starts Sept. 8. So now is your chance to sign up your child or yourself for dance classes. Classes offered include classical ballet, points, jazz/hip hop, modern dance, dance movement for 3 & 4 year olds and ballet, tap & acrobatics for 4-6 year olds. Classes are held for children, teens and adults.

Classes for adults are conveniently scheduled after work hours. Tired of those same, old fitness classes? Our jazz/hip hop, ballet, and modern dance classes will motivate you as they are geared for fun and exercise as well as instruction, and technique. Why not begin a new hobby that is good for your mind, body and soul?

If performing is your thing, Pacific Dance Centre has numerous opportunities. Pacific Dance and Pacific Foundation for the Performing Arts (Pacific Dance's program for special needs students) have performed at such prestigious events as The Very Special Arts Festival at the Los Angeles Music Center, the opening ceremonies of the 25th Anniversary of the California Special Olympics, as well as being featured in a 1/2 hour television program on ABC. Future plans include performing at the 75th Anniversary Special Easter Sunrise service at the Hollywood Bowl next spring.

To register, you may either call the studio at (626)355-3665 to request your registration/information packette, or registration forms are displayed outside the studio door and may be left at the studio or mailed in. There will be special registration times held at the studio on August 20 from 5-6:30 p.m. and August 21 from 3-6 p.m. Early registration is recommended to assure placement in the class of your choice.

Pacific Dance Centre is located at 7 Kersting Court in Sierra Madre near Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd.

To See- Or Not To See

By Karol Ballard

George of the Jungle

BRENDAN FRASER, LESLIE MANN

This thoughtful tale of a feral child, ushered into manhood by the great apes to become King of the Jungle, is rife with underlying meaning and sophistication. Whoa! Reality check, people, it's George of the Jungle and all that that implies. If you are at that awkward age where you never saw the old cartoon series and/or you're over the mental age of eight, you may not enjoy this quite as much as I. The ever-charming Brendan is a drop-dead phenomenal speciman, and the animatronics are a hoot - remember Shep the elephant, who thinks he's a golden retriever? Somebody obviously had a great deal of fun making this purely puerile picture.

"On the Wing" Returns to Bean Town

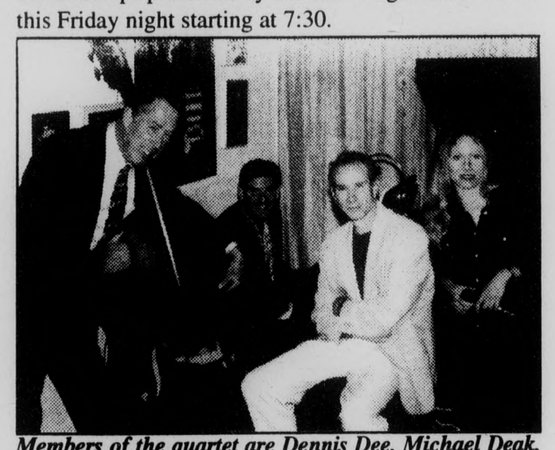
August 8th marks the return of an expanded "On the Wing". Since their last visit, the group has grown from the original duo, consisting of Denise Dee and Michael Deak, to its current size of quartet. The new members are: Glenn Mitchell on bass and Michael Cain on drums.

Glenn Mitchell is an active member of local 47 of Musician's Union, and has thirty years experience playing in a multitude of various musical styles. He is currently playing with Karen Hernandez at Micelli's Restaurant in Hollywood on Monday and Tuesday nights, as well as other freelance performances.

Michael Cain has many years experience as a drummer in Southern California playing with a multitude of different bands. He also can be heard at Micelli's on Monday and Tuesday nights. He is known for his delicate touch and his sensitive skills as a listener-very valuable assets when playing with other musicians.

Michael Deak, musical director, and Denise Dee, fine vocalists for the group, are very pleased to have acquired these wonderful musicians to round out the ensemble.

You will be pleased with the very full and rich sound from these players. Come and enjoy the lucious musical landscape presented by On The Wing at Bean Town this Friday night starting at 7:30.

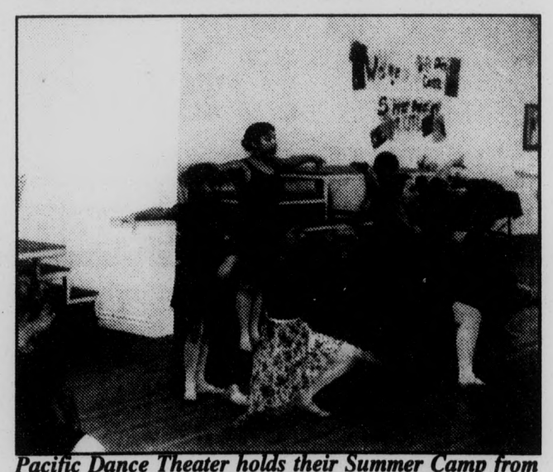


Members of the quartet are Dennis Dee, Michael Deak, Glenn Mitchell and Michael Cain. They will be performing at Bean Town on August 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Sierra Madre Playhouse

Pam and Friends in Concert - Special entertainment concert of comedy, dance and song from Broadway and Hollywood, headlined by Pamela Sackett. Four performances only. The Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Thursday, September 18 at 8 p.m., Saturday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, September 21 and 28, at 7:30 p.m. Adults $10, Seniors/ Students $9, Children 12 and under $7. Limited seating. Reservations required. Call (626)355-4318.

The Sound of Music - Musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Delightful story of the Trapp Family Singers. The Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Fridays/Saturdays 8 p.m., August 22 through October 4; Sunday matinees 2:30 p.m., September 7, 14, 21 and 28. Adults $11, Seniors/Students $10, Children 12 and under $7. Group rates available. Reservations required. Call (626)355-



Pacific Dance Theater holds their Summer Camp from July-August. They are located at 7 Kersting Court. For more information call 355-3665.

Webb-Martin Realtors Attend Listing Seminar

Judy Webb-Martin, Katie Orth, Jacquie Pergola, and Mary Prout have completed a highly specialized course in the new skills involved in real estate listings, conducted by the Residential Sales Council of the REALTORS NATIONAL MARKETING INSTITUTE.

The class was conducted in South Pasadena last week and is one of the required courses that must be taken by real estate agents and brokers in order to qualify for the coveted Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation. The CRS is the highest designation awarded to sales associates in the residential sales field and recognizes the agents' professional accomplishments in both experience and education. The course included techniques in seller counselling, pricing, various client servicing activities, marketing techniques and other programs designed to close sales on residential properties.

Judy Well-Martin and Katie Orth have now finished all of the requirements for the CRS and will be receiving the designation shortly. Jacquie Pergola and Mary Prout each have one more seminar to take. They can all be reached at Webb-Martin Realtors, 30 North Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre, (626) 355-2384.



Daniel W. Bryant, President of Prudential Preferred Properties, with top Sales Associates for the 2nd quarter, Reni Rose (left), Carol Kurachi (center) and Clyde Towels (right).

The Prudential Preferred Properties

Top Realtors for 2nd Quarter

Daniel W. Bryant, President of Prudential Preferred Properties, congratulated his top Realtors for the 2nd quarter of 1997.

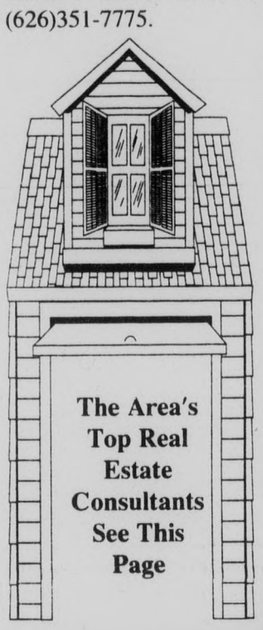
In 1-2-3 position according to total sales dollar volume, they were Reni Rose, Carol Kurachi and Clyde Towles.

Reni Rose, Prudential Preferred's top Sales Associate for 8 straight years, has earned numerous awards during her tenure with Prudential. Named to Prudential's "President's Circle" in 1996 gave her the distinction of being in the top 3% of Prudential's more than 35,000 Realtors nationwide.

Carol Kurachi recently joined Prudential Preferred after a career as property manager for a real estate developer on the big island of Hawaii as well as stateside. She recently completed her first "million-dollar month as a Realtor.

Clyde Towles, a 12-year real estate veteran, has been active in the Arcadia Board of Realtors as officer, director and committee chairman. He serves as New Agent Trainer for Prudential's Sierra Madre office.

Reni and Clyde can be reached at (626)355-1600; Carol's direct line is (626)351-7775.





Local residents used to dress up in turn of the century costumes to celebrate Pioneer Days. Judy Webb-Martin says she seeks additional photos from turn-of-the-century times through about 1920. After having them enlarged, she will return originals promptly to donors. Contact her at 355-2384.

She's Still Around!

Above photo shows the grand opening of "Your color" Image Center in Monrovia, owned by former Sierra Mader businesswoman, Sue Slight, who had the make up shop on Kersting Court for 17 years. So, for those Sierra Madre customers she'd like them to know that she's still around and has expanded her shop with "Your Color" classic clothing. Visit her soon!



The Senior Scene

by Joylouise Harte-Smith

The Sierra Madre Senior Club has been enjoying a relaxed, unstructured summer vacation.

However, now with the approach of fall, plans are being formulated for new diversified programs. Of course suggestions from our members are always welcome.

We look forward to having Lorayne Russman, one of the Commissioners on the Tree Preservation Commission, as our guest speaker at our regular meeting August 7th. Lorayne is founder of the Sierra Madre Arbor Day Association. Her efforts and activities with trees was primarily responsible for Sierra Madre being named as a tree city. Her talk will touch on the aims and goals of the Arbor Day Association, and some exciting new projects being considered by the "Tree Commission." Since most everyone in our town loves trees and all they mean to our community this will undoubtedly be an inspiring and up beat meeting.

We hope everyone will attend. Even if you aren't a member you are welcome. Bring your brown bag lunch, meet your neighbors, make friends, have fun. Bingo after the regular meeting... "Y'all Come Ya Hear!"

Bye for now.

Century 21 Village Realty

Fantastic Sales Month

Mike Lepore, manager of Century 21 Village Realty, recently congratulated his entire staff for another fantastic sales month. The announcement was made at the weekly sales meeting. For the month of July, Village closed in excess of five million dollars in sales. The top three producers received special mention from lepore. They were, David Lopez with five sales totalling 1.2 million dollars. Edda Hutson with three sales in excess of $500,000 and Emily Duggan with two sales at 1.2 million dollars. Other contributing agents were Jackie Adaimy (3 sales), Diana Diaz (2 sales), Maryjon Reedal (2 sales), Janet Petit (2 sales) and Peggy Beuregard, C. Rambo, Linda Johnson, and Matt Dragna with one sale each.

Lepore predicts that interest rates will remain level but the lack of available listings may see higher prices throughout the remainder of the year. The July listings at Village sold in less than 25 days, many of these sales enjoyed multiple offers. He is confident that the new Capitol Gains Tax will be an added benefit and will allow many people to sell their homes without a huge penalty.

At the close of the meeting, he once again congratulated the staff on their individual marketing plans which obviously is paying off. He also pledged to continue the office's support through increased advertising dollars. All Village agents can be reached at (626)355-1451, 24 hours, 7 days per week.

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* **Pasadena** - 3 units- 2+1 & 1+1	$140,300	**Monrovia** - 3 br, 1.75 ba, FR, views	$369,900
West Covina - 3 br 1 ba new roof	$159,000	**Pasadena** - 3 br 1.75 each (4-plex)	$390,000
* **Los Angeles** - 3 br 1.75 ba 1,300 sq.ft.	$176,000	**Altadena** - 3 br 1.75 ba, FR	$412,000
* **Monrovia** - 3 br 1 ba, Fr/patio, fplc.	$184,900	**Monrovia** - 4 br 3 ba, den	$429,000
* **Duarte** - 3 br 1.75 ba SOLD	$189,900	**Sierra Madre** - 5 br 2 ba, FR, DR, pool	$509,000
Altadena - 3 br 2 ba, FR	$199,000	**Pasadena** - 4 br 2.5 ba. den, spa	$525,000
* **Pasadena** - 4 br 1.5 ba, FR	$209,900		
Monrovia - 3 br, 1.75 ba, N. Foothill	$211,900	***PRUDENTIAL VALUE RANGE PROPERTIES***	
Sierra Madre - 3 br 2.5 ba, (twnhse)	$225,000	***(Owner Will Entertain Offers In These Price Ranges)***	
Monrovia - 4 br, 3 ba, guest suite	$283,500	**Monterey Hills** - 1 br, 1. ba	$66,800-$ 81,000
Monrovia - 3 br, 1.75 ba, FR, study	$299,800	* **La Puente** - 3 br 1.75 ba	$120,000-$140,000
Sierra Madre - 3 br 1.75 ba, 2 fplcs.	$299,900	**Monrovia** - 2 br 1 ba, (duplex)	$160,000-$190,000
Monrovia Hills - 3 br 2.5 ba, pool,FR	$330,000	* **Rosemead** - 4 br 1.75 ba nu roof	$170,000-$210,000
Arcadia - 3 br 2.5 ba, Highland Oaks Sch.	$348,800	**Sierra Madre** - 3 br 2.5 ba, spa	$280,000-$310,000
Sierra Madre - 4 br 1.75 ba, CA pool	$349,000	**Monrovia** 4 br. 1.5 ba + rental	$370,000-$410,000
		* **Bradbury** - 5 br, 4.5 ba, 2 acres	$650,000-$790,000

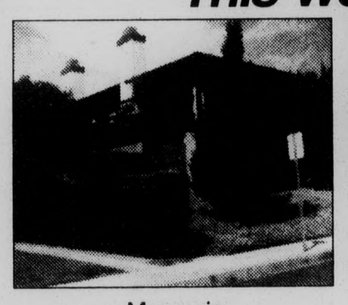
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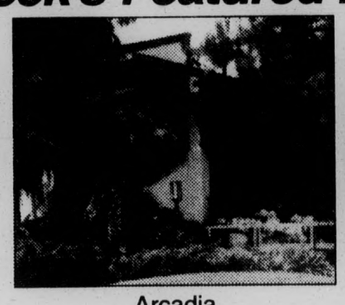
This Week's Featured Homes!



Monrovia

Special Financing...

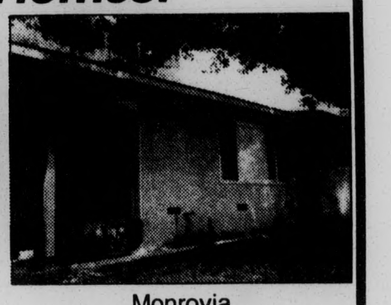
available on this Sharp Monrovia Condo. Features 2 Bdrms, Dining room, central air & heat, Builtins, fireplace, and 1.5 Bths. double attached garage. $124,900



Arcadia

One Level

Walk over the bridge and onto the lush green grounds of this Arcadia complex. 2 Bdrms, Dining room, Builtins, central air, & heat, fireplace, and 1.75 Bth. Pool and Spa in Complex. $149,000



Monrovia

Motivated Seller!!

Well kept home in Monrovia. Features 2 Bdrms, Dining room, Den (could be 3rd Bdrm), fireplace, double detached garage with work room, and 1.5 Baths. $205,000

Altadena

Pride of Ownership

Well cared for home on Large Lot in desireable Altadena area. 2 Bdrm main house with Dining room and fireplace. Non permitted guest house in rear with full bath. $149,900

Sierra Madre

Cozy Pool Retreat

Affordable Sierra Madre Home featuring 3 Bdrms, Dining area, central air & heat, Pool, and 2 Bths. Private Location. Fenced Yard. $227,000

Sierra Madre

Opportunity Knocks!!

This Sierra Madre home features 3 Bdrms, 2 Bths, and a Den, New paint, carpet, and linoleum. Ample yard for kids and garden. Great Starter home. $259,000

Sierra Madre

Valley and Mountain Views

This Large 2 Bdrm Sierra Madre home has over 2,000 sq. ft. features Dining room, family room, 2 fireplaces, central air & heat, and 1.5 Bths. $295,000

Sierra Madre

Charming Carriage House

This totally updated Sierra Madre home features 3 Bdrms, Dining Room, Den (could be 4th Bdrm), Builtins, central air & heat, 2 fireplaces, and 2 Bths. View of the Valley. $309,900

Sierra Madre

Fantastic Location

Located on one of the most desireable streets in Sierra Madre. Large 3 Bdrm home with Dining area, fireplace, and 1.75 Bth. Large lot. $311,000

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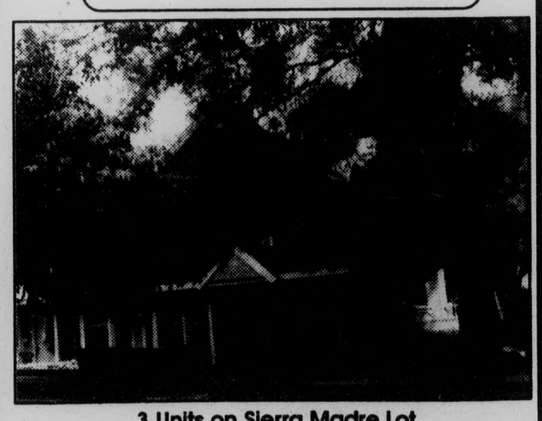
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Canyon studio $490 mo. utils. pd., new carpet, frig. & stove. (909)592-5508.

Sierra Madre house has 3 bdrms. + 2 more for office?? Laundry, dining room, yard. $1300. Call 355-3774.

Room for rent in 3 bedroom house in Sierra Madre. Must appreciate a clean & quiet environment, and be a non-smoker. $400 mo. includes utils. Call 355-6563.

Share house - 2 bedroom, 1 full bath, kitchen, pool/spa. Call 355-3704 for more info.

Sierra Madre view from $595. Spacious 1 bdrm., 1 bath, patio, garden apartments. For appt. call 445-3458. No Pets.

Wanted

Living & work/storage area needed by retired industrial designer. N/S, considerate & responsible. (213)662-0777.

Services
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Is your pet missing? I'm writing an article & want to interview you. Call me at (818)355-4247.

French/Latin instruction. 230 E. Foothill, Arcadia. Call (626)303-7853 for more info.

For Sale

Beautiful 5 piece bdrm. set for sale. $500. Maple, good ondition. Must sell! Call 355-0787.

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Gov't Foreclosed homes from pennies on $1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's. Your area. Toll free (800)218-9000 ext. H-7164 for current listings.

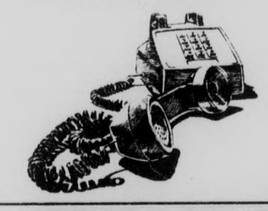
Lt. industrial/business space 600/1200 sq. ft. $0.70 per sq. ft. 150 E. Montecito Ave. Call 355-2675.

Estate Sales

Big yard sale. August 9th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tools, clothing, toys, etc. 450 Gatewood Terrace.

Found

Cute, friendly parakeet found on Sun., 8/3 in Sierra Madre. Call evenings (626)355-7770.



Lost cat: A mix, with one ear slightly shorter than the other. Looks like a brown tabby. Sam is a male about 12-13 years old. He was last seen on Wednesday, July 30th. If you've seen our Sam please call as at 355-4015 or 355-4410.

Public Notice

Public Hearing Legal Notice
City of Sierra Madre
City Council

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1997 @ 6:30 p.m.
1. Ordinance No. 1139 (Municipal Code Text Amendment 97-4)
Applicant:
City of Sierra Madre
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
This is a request to amend the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to eliminate references to specific fee amounts within the Sierra Madre Zoning Code.
2. Ordinance No. 1140 (Municipal Code Text Amendment 97-1)
Applicant:
City of Sierra Madre
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
This is a request to amend the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to provide standards, criteria and guidelines to allow for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the public right of way. The project would apply on a city-wide basis.
3. Ordinance No. 1141 (Municipal Code Text Amendment 97-2)
Applicant:
City of Sierra Madre
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
This is a request to amend the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to provide standards, criteria and guidelines for the issuance of demolition permits within the City of Sierra Madre. This project would apply on a city-wide basis.
Pub: August 7, 1997
Sierra Madre News

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
MONTECITO MILLWORKS 39 E. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
CHARLES SCHUTZ 175 N. Mountain Trail Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
This Business is conducted by : AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
SIGN:
CHARLES SCHUTZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 7/18/97.
NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law. (See Section 14400 et. seq., Business and Professions Code)
File No. 97-1087756
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
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BILL JOHN RELLOS 1033 La Cadena Ave., #1, Arcadia, CA 91007
This Business is conducted by : AN INDIVIDUAL
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Aries - March 21/April 20

Your dry sense of humor leaves much to be desired when used among the wrong people. Be careful. Letting a soft side show eases tension at home. A family member brings a good business opportunity to you. Focus on exercise and nutrition over the weekend.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Wisen up Taurus. You can't always get things your way. Narrow your vision to one or two goals this week and move full-speed ahead with them. Money matters look good. Steer clear of needless calories over the weekend. There's just so many you can burn off at the gym.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

You're boiling over with creativity this week. Take time out to use it. It's a good time to change careers. Move slowly about it though. Work to remedy a romantic falling out on Friday. Take a selfless approach to love, especially if you have a Scorpio or Aries mate.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Are you a single crab looking for romance? If so, watch your step. You could fall in love this week. A poetic Pisces is sending the right signals on Tuesday. Read them carefully and then go for it. Matters at home are not as pressing as they seem. Grab a friend and go away for the weekend.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Cupid's arrows are headed your way, but don't duck. A romantic Libra makes you purr on Wednesday. Enjoy and put work matters on the backburner. They will wait. A misunderstanding with a Sagittarius friend will be easily resolved if you are willing to be open.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

Things are going great at work this week. But your personal life needs attention. Take a Cancer's needs seriously. Make romantic gestures to make things right again. You might not get another chance. Be sure to award and encourage a young child's accomplishments.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Put your sentimental side to the side. Leave broken relationships in the past. It's time to start anew. A good friend trusts your instincts; so watch what you say. You don't want to lead anyone in the wrong direction. Friendships are changing. Your charm leads you to new, more interesting circles. Follow it.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let meaningless flirtations cloud your good judgment. Remember, trust is hard to regain. A new career door opens this week. Go for it. It could be the break you've been hoping for. A Leo has good advice on Thursday. Choose your words carefully this weekend.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't try to cram too many events into one week. There will be time in the next few weeks for everything you want to do. A Pisces needs your support at home. Don't let your ego take over this week. Avoid being a conversation hog. Give others a chance to talk over the weekend.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Love is going your way this week. If you're single, get ready to take the next step. Married? Make sure your mate knows how happy you are. A get-away weekend helps to keep things progressing. At work, don't take a comfortable position for granted. Keep a competitive edge.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Stand up and speak your mind in personal matters. People will tune into what you're saying. Looking for a new job? Try your hand in the communications field. Your good nature and off-beat approach will pave the way. Don't give in to unfair demands from family.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Jealousy will get you nowhere this week Pisces. Be strong and talk things out. A Capricorn seeks your financial guidance midweek. Take comfort in good friends on Friday. A good movie sets the pace for the weekend. You will be inspired to make a change in your life.

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Fire Suppression Assessment District Fails

By Dan Oakes

"The people have spoken," said more than one member of the Arcadia City Council on Tuesday night, and what the people said was, they have no interest in funding a 20-year Fire Suppression District.

City Manager William Kelly's introductory remarks began the first public hearing of the night, and the one that most of the large crowd wanted to speak to and get results of. Said Kelly, "For the past several years, this city has been facing a budget crisis. This year, there is an even bigger crisis. Sales, property, and utility tax revenues are all below expectations... Property tax revenues are down due to reassessments, sales tax revenues are down due to the economy. We (City staff) have cut several positions and frozen wages. We've cut to the bone."

It is asserted, accepted, and borne out by statistics that Arcadia enjoys a higher level of service than most of the other foothill cities. But for several months now, the City Council and staff have known that something has to give. More money has to come in, or less services have to go out. Kelly added, "We chose to go to the citizens and ask, 'Would you consider funding some of these services?' before making further cuts. The Council debated options at great length, then authorized staff to initiate a Fire Suppression District in Arcadia."

The Fire Suppression District, had it passed, would have been unprecedented in Arcadia. No special assessment districts currently exist. Due to State law, a new tax (an assessment district by any other name is still a tax) must be approved by the residents affected, in this case, the property owners. Ballots were still being collected and counted as the public hearing moved into comments from the public.

Harold Kidd questioned City reports of declining property tax revenues. He claimed to have called the County Assessor, and stated, "Not one year since 1988 shows a decline (in property tax revenue) It has increased 75% since 1988." He called public information on revenue shortfalls "pure unadulterated fiction."



Arcadia Mayor Robert Harbricht addresses the audience about what city services will be cut after learning there will be no fire suppression tax. Matt Kincaid/ARC

Patricia Bush asked the question, "If the assessment district passes and the Santa Anita development passes and brings in close to a million dollars, would the assessment be reduced?" Mayor Harbicht's response, "That's an option." drew some audience laughter, but Harbicht correctly pointed out that the utility tax had been reduced in the past, and tax cuts in Arcadia are not unprecedented. Well there is speculation that a scaled-down Santa Anita development proposal will be submitted, it is not an active project at this time, so answers to the question would be mostly speculation.

Judy McKinley asked how many votes the City had; the answer was 80. Gail Marshall thanked the City for not using them, and quoted a letter to the editor of a newspaper in which another City drew heavy criticism for using their own votes (as property holders) in a narrow ballot.

Vincent Foley put a little perspective back into the proceedings, saying, "It bothers me when a speaker makes a point apparently against the Council, and the audience claps. I hope observers understand that the Councilmembers are residents and have as much to gain or lose as any of us. I believe there will be a reduction of services, and the losers are not the five Councilmembers; the losers are all of the citizens of Arcadia, who won't receive the same services tomorrow that they did yesterday.

It was noted before the public hearing opened that the point was almost certainly moot, and sure enough, when they read

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Bridge Removal To Congest 210 Freeway

By Dan Oakes

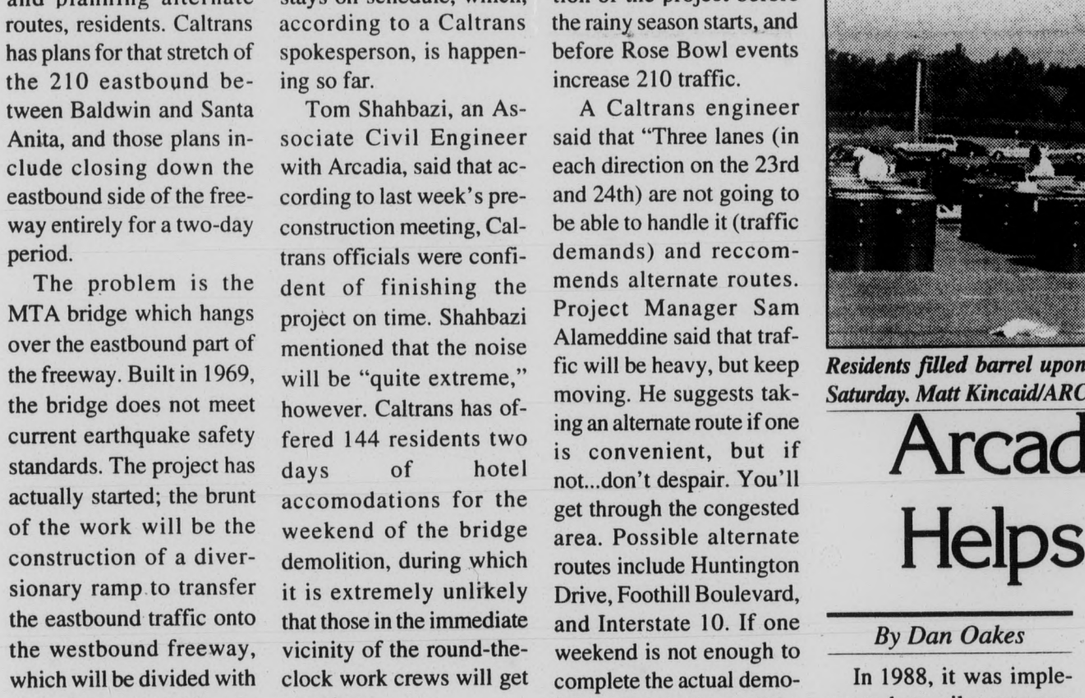
Start bracing yourselves and planning alternate routes, residents. Caltrans has plans for that stretch of the 210 eastbound between Baldwin and Santa Anita, and those plans include closing down the eastbound side of the freeway entirely for a two-day period.

The problem is the MTA bridge which hangs over the eastbound part of the freeway. Built in 1969, the bridge does not meet current earthquake safety standards. The project has actually started; the brunt of the work will be the construction of a diversionary ramp to transfer the eastbound traffic onto the westbound freeway, which will be divided with three lanes traveling in each direction on August 23rd and 24th, while the bridge is actually being dismantled. Three weeks of preparation for two days of work, if everything stays on schedule, which, according to a Caltrans spokesperson, is happening so far.

Tom Shahbazi, an Associate Civil Engineer with Arcadia, said that according to last week's preconstruction meeting, Caltrans officials were confident of finishing the project on time. Shahbazi mentioned that the noise will be "quite extreme," however. Caltrans has offered 144 residents two days of hotel accomodations for the weekend of the bridge demolition, during which it is extremely unlikely that those in the immediate vicinity of the round-the-clock work crews will get any sleep.

The State has mandated that the bridge be taken out by the end of the year, but Caltrans has agreed with Arcadia City staff, who have been urging completion of the project before the rainy season starts, and before Rose Bowl events increase 210 traffic.

A Caltrans engineer said that "Three lanes (in each direction on the 23rd and 24th) are not going to be able to handle it (traffic demands) and reccommends alternate routes. Project Manager Sam Alameddine said that traffic will be heavy, but keep moving. He suggests taking an alternate route if one is convenient, but if not...don't despair. You'll get through the congested area. Possible alternate routes include Huntington Drive, Foothill Boulevard, and Interstate 10. If one weekend is not enough to complete the actual demolition, then work would be resumed two weeks after that, following Labor Day Weekend. So far, according to Alameddine, "It's looking good."



Traffic may be moving at a brisk pace now, but just wait until this portion of the 210 freeway will be closed done for a two day period to demolish this bridge between the Baldwin Ave. and Santa Anita Ave ramps. The bridge has been determined to be unsafe in the event of an earthquake. Matt Kincaid/ARC



Residents filled barrel upon barrel of hazardous waste at Santa Anita Race Track Saturday. Matt Kincaid/ARC

Arcadia Faces Heat, Helps Environment

By Dan Oakes

In 1988, it was implemented as a pilot program. Since then, it has taken off by leaps and bounds, and now, over 50 times each year, hazardous materials handlers show up at various locations throughout Los Angeles County to safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

The Santa Anita racetrack in Arcadia was the site of the latest roundup, with a satellite roundup (a smaller one to handle some of the overflow when the main roundup gets overcrowded) in Temple City. A hazardous waste roundup, however, is only as good or as successful as residents let it be. Yes, it's good for the environment, but in 100+ degree weather, how many people were going to wait in line in a parking lot for no other reason than to be good citizens? How many? 2,100, or almost double the average since the program was implemented.

The scheduled and advertised hours were from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., but Stever Groner says,

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Other Council Activities

By Anita Chang

During a August 5 Council meeting taut with tension, it was announced that Arcadia's proposed Fire Suppression Assessment had overwhelmingly been rejected by voters. Only 29 percent of those voting supported the measure while 71 percent refused to approve the $2.2 million tax increase. Of the 15,819 ballots that were mailed to property owners, only 6,266 ballots were returned.

"The people have spoken and have spoken clearly," declared Mayor Robert Harbicht. "I am confident that we will do our best by decreasing our spending amount in a manner which will have the least impact on the com-

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ARCADIA POLICE DEPT.

The Arcadia Police Department responded to 597 calls for service of which 148 required formal investigations from Wednesday, July 30, to Tuesday, August 5. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during the period.

Wednesday, July 30:

1. Around 3 a.m., officers observed a suspicious male subject enter a vehicle in the 100 block of E. Huntington. The subject and a male/Caucasian driver were later contacted, and a consent search of the vehicle was conducted. Officers found a fanny pack containing a crystal rock substance, and baggies with white powdery substance. The driver was arrested for possession of controlled substance.

2. Units responded to the 1100 block of S. 10th to investigate a disturbance at 8:53 p.m. Dispatch advised that several 9-1-1 calls had been made from the location. It was determined that the victim had been struck by his girlfriend in the face and hit with a metal chair by her son. The 57 female/Caucasian suspect was arrested for suspicion of battery and her 21 year old son was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

3. At 8:18 p.m., officers were sent to the 800 block of W. Huntington regarding a residential burglary. The resident advised that unknown suspect(s) removed $5800 worth of paint equipment from the garage the previous evening.

Thursday, July 31:

4. Officers were dispatched to Holly Avenue School, 360 W. Duarte, about 3:19 a.m. regarding a fight in progress. The victim advised officers that he was drinking with several of the suspects when one suspect walked up and punched him in the face. The victim made a private person's arrest and the 19 year old male/Hispanic suspect was taken into custody. Officers also determined that two other male/Hispanic suspects were under the influence of a controlled substance and were also arrested.

5. Around 12:19 p.m., officers responded to the 2400 block S. 3rd regarding a possible drug overdose. A 25 year old male/Caucasian had committed suicide on an overdose of pills. The victim's mother informed officers that the victim suffered from manic-depression and had attempted to kill himself two years ago.

6. At 1:19 p.m., officers assisted immigration agents in locating a stabbing suspect. INS agents were checking employees at Tony Roma's when a male/Hispanic suspect stabbed an agent in the hand. A perimeter was established with air support from Pasadena Police. K-9 Units from APD and El Monte Police also assisted in the search which met with negative results.

7. Units responded to President Square, 1300 S. Goldenwest, at 2:44 p.m. to investigate a robbery in the parking lot. The victim was walking to her car when a male suspect rode up on a bicycle and grabbed her purse from her shoulder. The victim sustained bruising to her arm from the purse strap.

Friday, August 1:

8. At 10:15 a.m., officers responded to Ben Bridges Jewelry at the mall regarding an armed robbery. Two male/African American suspects entered the location, pointed a gun at an employee, and demanded watches and diamond jewelry from display cases. Fearing for her safety, she handed over the items. Both suspects fled the location with about $165,000 worth of merchandise.

9. Officers were called to the 100 block of W. Forest regarding a grand theft auto and residential burglary. The victim arrived at his residence to find his home had been ransacked and removed property. In addition, unknown suspect(s) stole a car from the driveway.

Saturday, August 2:

10. Officers were patrolling in the 600 block of E. Live Oak at 1:25 a.m. when they observed two male/Caucasian suspects exit a suspicious vehicle. A DMV check of the license plate revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The two suspects were located and arrested for suspicion of grand theft and taking vehicle without owner consent.

Monday, August 4:

11. Around 6:28 p.m., officers responded to J.C. Penney regarding a grand theft. A victim discovered her bag containing a diamond tennis bracelet missing after she had left it on a counter in the store. A loss prevention officer was watching the store video when she noticed a female/Caucasian suspect removed the bag from the counter. The security officer also observed the suspect entering a vehicle and noted the license plate number.

At 10:30 p.m., officers were called to Motel 6, 225 Colorado Pl., regarding a noise complaint. When officers arrived at the scene, they found the vehicle that was involved in the grand theft at J.C. Penney. Officers arrested two female/Caucasian suspects and one male/Caucasian suspect for suspicion of grand theft. One female suspect was also charged with possession of a dangerous weapon (an eight inch double-edged knife.)

Tuesday, August 5:

12. Units were dispatched to the 1100 block of Fairview at 9:56 a.m. regarding a grand theft. The victim discovered about $2600 missing from her residence. Unknown suspect(s) had entered her residence and removed the cash.

Calendar for Auxiliary of Methodist Hospital

Orientation for new members is held every month on the second Monday. Next orientation is scheduled for Monday, July 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the Volunteer Office. Call 574-3647 for further information.

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Upcoming Events:

September 16, 1997, Tuesday

Holiday Homes Kick-Off Coffee introducing the four home owners who have agreed to donate their homes for holidays.

October 18, 1997, Saturday

Second annual Holiday House - Bethany Church, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artisans will have their unique craft items available for your early holiday shopping.

October 21, 1997, Tuesday

Open to the public, at Hospital, Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed at 10 a.m. by guest speaker at the monthly Auxiliary meeting. "Health and Wellness in the '90's" presented by Lori Bradley. Call 821-2371 for more info.

November 18, 1997, Tuesday

Open to the public, at Hospital, coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed at 10 a.m. by guest speaker at the monthly Auxiliary meeting. "Adding Color to Your Life" presented by Sue Slight of Your Color in Monrovia.

December 5, 1997, Friday

43rd Holiday Homes Tour. Four homes in the Arcadia area professionally decorated for the holidays. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Private tour will be held for sponsors on Thursday evening beginning with food samplings from area restaurants, wine and soda, and entertainment, followed by the tour. Sponsors include those contributing $50-$200. Call 821-2371 to be placed on the personal invitation mailing list.

January 20, 1998, Tuesday

Open to the public, at Hospital, Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed at 10 a.m. by guest speaker Grace Verberg "Portraits of Handkerchiefs".

February 17, 1998, Tuesday

Open to the public, at Hospital, Coffee at 9:30 followed at 10 a.m. by guest speaker Dennis Lee, President of Hospital, status of hospital and new patient tower.

February 24, 1998, "Fat Tuesday"

Benefit sponsored by Tower Power Guild of Methodist Hospital. Food samplings by chefs from restaurants, wineries, dancing, entertainment; crowning of Mardi Gras King and Queen. Costumes optional. $60 per person all inclusive.

March 1998, TBA

Daytime event by Auxiliary.

April 21, 1998, Tuesday

Open to the public, at Hospital, Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed at 10 a.m. by guest speaker; topic. Pasadena Then and Now.

The Art Of Breastfeeding Is Focus Of World Breastfeeding Week

To focus on the lost art of breasfeeding,. the first week of September has been designated as

World Breastfeeding Week. In the spirit of the week, Methodist Hospital is offering a breastfeeding class on September 3 to help more new moms learn about the health benefits

of breast feeding including techniques for success, storage of milk, weaning and preventing problems.

A certified lactation consultant will discuss the latest developments and answer questions. According to experts, breastfeeding is one of the most important health measures a new mom can take to ensure the health of her newborn.

Research has shown that breastfed babies are healthier, suffer fewer infections and have lower incidences of other iillnesses such as allergies and even diabetes/ This can also have an impact for working mothers.

In a study conducted for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power by an assistant professor at UCLA, they concluded the following regarding employees with infants:

- 93 percent of formula fed babies became ill over the two-year study period

-Parents of breast fed babies missed less work because they were not home caring for a sick child

-57 percent of breastfeeding mothers were at work everyday versus 31 percent of mothers using formulas

The class costs $20 but is free to hospital maternity patients. For more information, call (626)574-3705.

Other Council Activities

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munity; nevertheless, the impact will be felt."

The next step for the Arcadia City Council is to decide which municipal services will be affected by the impending budget cuts.

Overnight parking permits for Arcadia will now cost $84 annually, an increase from the previous cost of $60. The Council unanimously agreed to add supplements to the overnight street parking forms which will require applicants to swear, under penalty of perjury, they have no parking spaces on their properties. The first goal of the ordinance is to reduce overnight parking, and secondly, to increase revenue.

The Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall is preparing to house Asian buffet-style restaurant "Todai". An alteration that will affect the exterior of the mall was unanimously approved by the Council. The proposed restaurant will seat 314 people inside and 116 on the patio. This will be the mall's first substantial outdoor dining area.

Fire Assessment Fails

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the final totals, it wasn't really close. 15,819 ballots were sent out, and 6,266 were received back, which accounted for over $900,000 worth of assessments, or some 40% of the 2.2 million. Yes votes were 1,936 (29%) and No votes were 4,330 (71%) and Fire Suppression Assessment District proceedings were abandoned, by a unanimous vote.

In parting, each of the Councilmembers had comments. Councilwoman Kuhn said, "I took many notes tonight. I heard a message; you want to continue to enjoy the service levels we have, but you don't want a 20-year bill attached. We need to seek out better communication avenues.

Councilwoman Young said, "I'm sorry this didn't pass, but we will go on from here. We don't run a school, but maybe we should when something like this comes up."

Councilman Kovacic said, "The benefit (of the proceedings) was that it brought people to City Hall who might otherwise never have been here. We should all take an interest in how Arcadia is run."

Councilman Chang said, "The citizens of Arcadia have clearly spoken, and forced us to work on the City's budget again. I would welcome the citizens' input."

Mayor Harbicht concluded things, saying, "All we did was put the question before the citizens. Do we cut back services or pay more? As an elected official, I am neutral. The people have spoken; I accept that. As an individual, I am disappointed. Essentially, we have been providing $25 million worth of services each year, and taking in $23 million. We can't continue to do that; however, I am confident that we are going to make the best choices possible for the community.

Arcadia Helps Environment

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"We work longer than that. We show up early, and if there are people waiting at 3:00, we take them late." The roundups are put on by the County Sanitation District and the County Department of Public Works, and co-sponsored by the surrounding communities. Arcadia, Sierra Madre, and other local communities helped out with the promotion of the event, which was obviously a tremendous success in this instance.

Aside from environmentally, one way in which cities benefit from the program is with respect to AB939, the strict State law require cities to assume responsibility for diverting waste streams (essentially, recycling). In addition to disposing of the materials, workers document everything they bring in, and also record the zip codes of those who arrive. If you bring in five tons of motor oil and you're from Arcadia, that gets counted against the City's waste stream.

The count of cars was up to 1,200 by noon, and the pace tapered only slightly in the afternoon. What would become of these materials if they weren't disposed of properly? Says Public Information Officer Greg Jowyk, "There are basically three big illegal ways to dispose of this stuff. People put it in the trash where it fills up the landfills and creates a hazard. Other people will put it in the storm drain, where it goes to the ocean, and finally, some people put it in the ground, where it can contaminate the water supply.

70-80 trained, experienced workers were on hand, working in the sweltering heat in anti-contamination suits. The main materials brought to events such as this are paints and oils, but there are also pesticides, batteries, and other toxic substances, including "mystery fluids." Chemists are on-site to identify unknown chemicals.

What happens to the materials after people bring them in? An amazing 90-95% are recycled. Motor oil is re-refined. Oil-based paints are used as alternative fuels. Light colored paints are made into anti-graffiti paints and given to cities and non-profit organizations free of charge. Enough light colored paint was recovered from the Arcadia disposal to clean up a six-foot wall 50 miles long.

Of the 5-10% of materials which cannot be recycled, in the process of treating it, 90% of its bulk is eliminated. Groner estimates that only 1/400 of the materials brought to the disposal site will end up at the landfill.

So, what makes people do it? Jowyk says, ""I think there's a growing awareness. People really care." Groner agrees, adding, "It's quality of life. It's our beaches. It's the future." The County hosts disposals at various sites throughout the foothills several times each year, though only in Arcadia once a year.

Altruism aside, fines for illegal disposal range up to $10,000 plus cleanup costs. Groner calls the cleanup costs "The real killer." Joe Reilly is the Senior Engineer for the project, and the contractor for Saturday's round up was Dan Thomason of Laidlaw Environmental Services, one of four contractors the County works with. The final statistics, from the County's Don Avila, seemed to surprise even him. Said Avila, "People are amazing; they really want to do the right thing." Saturday saw 2,100 cars bring in 250 pounds of oil filters, 2,050 gallons of oil, 180 gallons of antifreeze, 9,000 gallons of paint, 520 pounds of household batteries, 225 drums of miscellaneous waste, and 332 car batteries. Totals from the 190 roundups since 1988 include 239,386 cars, 24,963 pounds of oil filters, 394,190 gallons of oil, 32,364 gallons of antifreeze, 37,347 pounds of household batteries, 32,762 drums of miscellaneous waste, 32,524 car batteries, and an incredible 1,088,980 gallons of paint. Stay tuned for the next local roundup if you missed this one!

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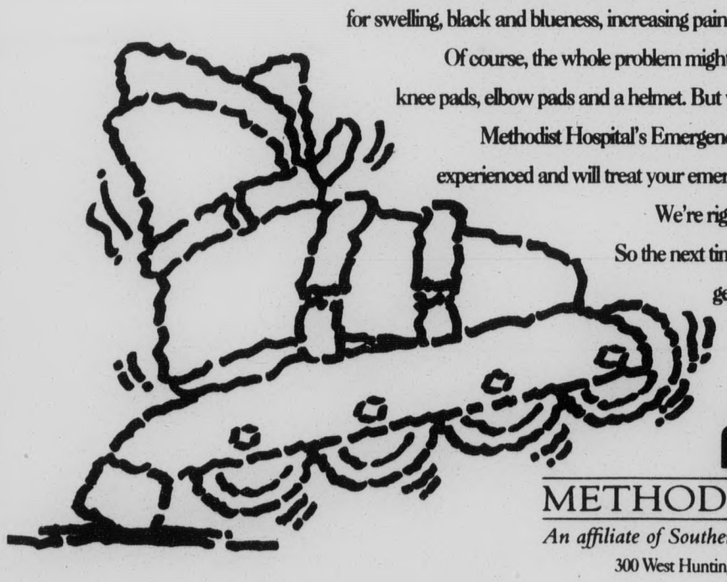
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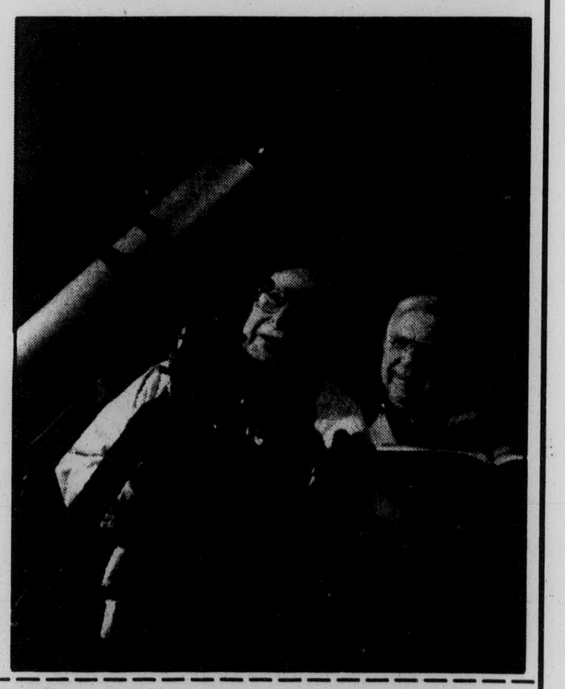
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Church of the Good Shepherd

by Fran Syverson

"Even in the Midst of Misery" is the sermon title chosen by the Rev. Philip B. Wood, senior pastor at Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) for Sunday, Aug. 10. The message is based on Psalm 130. Worship will be at 8 and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The Summer Choir will be directed by Timothy Farrell at the 10 o'clock service.

Alice Stiles of the Convalescent Aid Society of Pasadena will speak at the Good Shepherd Forum at 9 a.m., and all are invited to attend.

Children's church school will meet after kindergartners through fifth graders have shared "The Children in Ministry" with the pastor at the beginning of the 10 o'clock service.

Child care will be available at 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

The Rev. Matthew C.F. Chong will preside at the Chinese worship in the chapel at 11:15 a.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd is at 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia. Phone 447-2181 weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for more information.

St. Rita's Parish

The Bread of Life

"I am the bread of life." Sunday's Gospel continues the eucharistic discourse of Jesus, begun a week ago. Jesus had crossed the lake again, coming back from the scene of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes at Tiberias to Capernaum. The crowd got into the boats and followed him there. Clearly fascinated by the extraordinary feeding of thousands of people by this prophetic and mysterious figure, the people act on their instinct and search more deeply into what has taken place.

Jesus acknowledges their searching and tells them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." People did not grasp the significance of the feeding, seeing it for what it clearly was on one level, physical nourishment. But they did not recognize this physical nourishment as the sign of something deeper, something even more substantial.

So Jesus tells them, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." It is almost as though Jesus said to them, "Don't you get it? Don't you see this meal as a sign of a deeper nourishing, something that will last forever?"

The sign is where we start, just as Jesus pointed to the sign of what he did in the multiplication at Tiberias. The sign is revelatory of further depths. The sign is the visible manifestation of the invisible reality, namely, the substantial nourishment of God's own life in the gift of Jesus. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we continue the meal of Jesus. The sign of meal-sharing carries with it the deeper sharing which Jesus himself announced, "I am the bread of life."

Jesus very pointedly told the crowd that the food delivered to the hungry Israelites in the desert wilderness was not the gift of Moses but the gift of God. Moses had made the point: "When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." In the same way, Jesus tries to teach the crowd at Capernaum and us as well that the meal-sharing "is the bread that Lord has given you to eat." The eucharistic manna is precisely that: Bread that delivers the loving presence and nourishment of God's own self! As in the psalm read on Sunday "He rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the bread of heaven." (from the word of Fr. John Gallen in The Tidings.)

Sierra Madre Congregational Church

This Sunday Pastor Anderson will continue his series on "Steps to Freedom in Christ." He will focus on pride versus humility, using James 4:6-10 as the text. Pride is a killer. Pride says; "I can do it! I can get myself out of this mess without God or anyone else's help." Oh no we can't! We absolutely need God and we desperately need each other. The apostle Paul wrote, "We worship in the spirit of God and glory in Jesus Christ and put no confidence in the flesh." (Phil 3:3).

Humility is confidence properly placed in God. We are to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. (Eph 6:10). James 4:6-10 and I Peter 5:1-10 tells us that spiritual problems will follow when we are proud.

St. Rita's Events

Volunteers Needed - A few boys and girls waiting for Big Brothers are members of your community. Your few visits each month is all it takes to make a difference in a young persons life. To learn more about becoming a Catholic Big Brother, or Volunteer, attend an information session. Call today (800)463-4066.

Saint Rita's Fun Day Fair - Don't miss the wagon train headed for Saint Rita's SPIRIT DAY FUN. Saddle up and be part of the event by sponsoring a booth, activity, or ride. For donations of $50, or more, you will be a Rawhide Sponsor, $100, or more, you will be a Wagon Train Sponsor, $250, or more, you will be a Bonanza Sponsor. All sponsors will be acknowledged at the event. For information on becoming a Saint Rita's Parent Teacher Organization's Spirit Fun Day Sponsor, please call Nancy Maloney at (626)463-4066.

Obituary: Margaret Van Buskirk

Graveside services for Margaret Claire Van Buskirk of Sierra Madre will be held tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 8, at Happy Valley Cemetery, Anderson, CA. Mrs. Van Buskirk died at her home Aug. 2 of cancer.

A memorial service is planned and will be announced at a later date. This announcement will also indicate where contributions should be directed.

Mrs. Van Buskirk, a 25-year resident of Sierra Madre, was born Oct. 4, 1943, to Lt. and Mrs. C.L. (Pete) Turnage in Ventura, CA, where her father was communications officer at Hueneme naval Base. The family remained in Ventura County for 45 years.

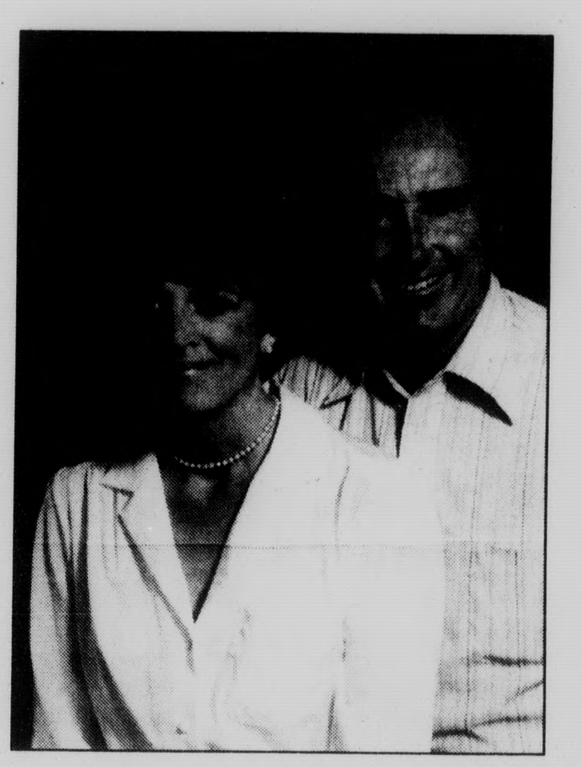
She attended Mound Elementary School, Anacapa Junior High School, Ventura High School and Junior College.

Her employment at Ventura County Court House for several years led to further work as a legal secretary in the Los Angeles area. Extension classes to further her interest in geology led to her Bachelor of Science degrees in both Anthropology/Human Relations and Geology from California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly), Pomona, and her Masters of Science degree in Geological Studies from the University of California at Riverside.

Mrs. Van Buskirk taught geology classes at Cal Poly, California State College at Fullerton, and Rio Hondo and Chaffee Community Colleges.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Van Buskirk of Sierra Madre; sons, Andrew Turnage of Washington, D.C., Robert Van Buskirk Jr. of Thousand Oaks, Michael Van Buskirk of Los Angles, Gregory Van Buskirk of Boulder CO; daughter, Christel Lundeen of Issaquah, WA; mother, Margaret Turnage, and brother Lindon of Anderson, as well as Aunt Frances Allison of Redondo Beach.

Zook Mortuary of Monrovia was in charge of arrangements.



Margaret Claire Van Buskirk and her husband, Robert E. Van Buskirkof Sierra Madre

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Due to the retirement of several volunteer drivers for the Sierra Madre Meals-on-Wheels service, replacements are badly needed. Regular drivers may drive only a few days per month. Substitute drivers are called upon occasionally to relieve regulars temporarily. If you can help in this very rewarding volunteer work, please call Ed Wellman at 355-5265 to arrange a convenient schedule.



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San Gabriel Valley Medical Center

Early Pregnancy Class - Recommended for women through the fourth month of pregnancy. Next class is August 18 from 7-9 p.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (626)457-3232 to register or for more info. Cost is $10 a couple.

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Senior Softball Game

Arcadia Mayor Bob Harbicht will throw the first pitch at the Opening Senior Softball Game (Arcadia Golden Arches vs. Duarte Senior Center) at Arcadia County Park, Diamond #1 (north of the tennis courts) on Wednesday, August 13 at 8 a.m. You can park on Huntington Dr. across the street from City Hall. The game runs 7 innings or an hour and fifteen minutes, whichever comes first. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on our great team.

For only a buck you can have an Egg McMuffin, sweet roll, coffee and juice.

Our good neighbors at the Foothill McDonald's are sponsoring our team and we want to take this opportunity to say thanks for the support.

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Dick Ballantyne, Ray Casey, Rita Davis, Jan Gallup, Ray Gross, Walter Johnson, Martha Maynard, Jules Oravetz, Laura Payne, Wes Peterson, Evelyn Pizzuto, Warren Shaw, Patricia Sheldon, Jean Weiss, Bill Weiss, and Allen Yack.

LaSalle News

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), Classes will start Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Rita's Rectory at 50 E. Alegria Ave., Sierra Madre. The classes are for adults who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church; those who are to the practice of their faith; and those who are preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. To register for RCIA classes, or to gain additional info call (626)355-1292 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Cub Scout Pack 110 is now having their summer activities and are also open for Fall Registration. For more information call Ted or Kathy Calleton at 355-8580.

Turners Fishing Club

Meet's at Fuddruckers on Michalinda and Foothill Wed. August 13 at 7 p.m. (Always the second Wed. of the Month)

They had one of there Lake Oso Tournaments, Sat. Aug. 2nd, Dave Morgan of Sierra Madre.

Morgan took 1st place, Bass and Dave Gore of San Gabriel took 1st place Cat Fish.

Mike Gardner the Professional Guide (Bay Fishing) will be this months guest.

We are a family type Fishing Club with over 70 members that enjoy every kind of fishing there is. There is Ocean Twi-light, Overnight and Three Day Charters from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

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New Members Welcome Call Dave Morgan 355-2922 or Tim Campbell 963-1322.

Sierra Madre Recreation Center

Back by popular demand, is Inner Tube Movie Night at Sierra Madre Pool. It will be Aug. 8th from 8-10:30 p.m. Float in an inner tube while watching a surprise movie on a gigantic screen. It is advisable to bring an inner tube as the Rec. will have a limited number. The cost to attend is $2.

The Scavenger Hunt on August 29th has been changed from 9-12 p.m. to 7:30-10:30 p.m. Participants are asked to meet at the Recreation Center.

Magic Mountain sign ups will be open until August 8th at 2 p.m. $22 covers the cost of admission and transportation. The bus will leave from Sierra Vista Park at 9 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. Reservations must be made by the deadline with Sofia Moreno at (626)355-2355.

Alverno Girls Volleyball Team Prevails in Tough Tournament with All Odds Against Them

The Alverno volleyball team should be counting their blessings right about now. For almost half of the summer season, their coach, Mike Talamantes Sr., was out with an illness. His son, Mike Jr., the Junior Varsity coach, had to abandon his own team to help his dad and take over the Varsity team. When Alverno entered the very competitive Village Christian volleyball tournament, they were without their powerful left-side hitter, Astrid Gonzalez, who was injured at another tournament the night before. However, they had to overcome another obstacle. The girls, through a misunderstanding, had missed the previous week of the tournament and received an automatic eight losses. Then, three weeks into the tournament, the hard-hitting middle, Keri Yanish was injured. But the girls just kept on fighting. They would enter the final night tied for first place with tournament rival Providence High School. With Astrid and Keri still injured and a new injury to setter Natalie Guzman, the team was left with only 7 players. Alverno's first game was against Providence. Through teamwork and good play, Alverno won both sets. Later that night, the team would go on to sweep Burbank High School and the Alverno Junior Varsity team. Although they had a little bit of trouble from third place Bell-Jeff High School and fourth place host Village Christian High School, Alverno beat all the odds and came out on top. The girls were led by the play of senior captain Sonya Young, juniors Kacie Harris and Sophia Calles, and sophomore Mary Johansen. They look forward to a successful league season and hopefully a threepeat as Horizon League champs.



To provide an extra measure of safety, Laidlaw Transit is installing crossing control arms on it's fleet of more than 38,000 school buses. The arms, mounted to the front bumper of the bus, help keep school children safely in the driver's view by reminding them to walk 7-10 feet in front of the bus before crossing.

Former Area Resident Publishes Book

Wendelin Van Draanen will be available to sign copies of her novel HOW I SURVIVED BEING A GIRL on Saturday, August 16th from 12-2 p.m. at Super Crown Books, 3725 Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena. She will do a reading from How I Survived... which she describes as "A cross between Tom Sawyer and the Wonder Years with a female protagonist." Van Draanen grew up in Monrovia and confesses that the story is heavily influenced by her experiences as a youth. She describes the story as one of self-acceptance. "Carolyn lives with her two brothers in a neighborhood of all boys, and she gets into a lot of mischief trying to fit in. But when a baby sitter comes into her life, she recognizes that it wasn't so much that she wanted to be a boy, but more that she needed to feel she had an ally in her life."

Having been described as "Seinfeld for kids", the boo has already garnered critical acclaim. Publishers Weekly describes it as, "A sunny, funny look at a girl with a smart mouth and scabby knees." Kirkus Reviews says, "Van Draanen's first book has a crackling pace, funny lines, and an iron-willed heroine with a knack for putting herself in the center of all the action," Family! Magazine states that "Carolyn's voice resonates with the innocence and freedom of a young girl who refuses to buckle under to the societal pressures of prepubescence," and the Associated Press describes How I Survived Being a Girl as "priceless." Of the praise, Van Draanen says, "After working so long to get published it's definitely a dream come true."

Van Draanen now lives on the Central Coast of California with her husband (also a writer) and two young sons. With a busy schedule that includes a career as a high school computer science teacher, Van Draanen made time to write How I Survived Being a Girl by getting up before 5 a.m. five days a week for the better part of a year. All the early morning work is starting to pay off: Van Draanen recently sold four books (a young adult mystery series) to an imprint of Random House, which will publish one every six months beginning in the spring of next year.

Looking back at her years in Monrovia, Van Draanen says, "There was something magical about them. It's a place I'll never forget."



Wendelin Van Draanen

San Francisco's Big One

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mains broken and the city alarm and communication system destroyed. Other cities around suffered, too. Santa Rosa, 50 miles north, was leveled. In the Santa Cruz Mountains, 50 miles south, splendid Redwoods were whipped into splinters and sides of the mountains slipped into the valley below.

Mayor Schmitz, in spite of his fraudulence, was the "Hero of the Hour" as he came through admirably to handle the problems of his beleaguered city, even though at a later time he and his cohorts would be brought under indictment. He appointed 50 prominent people to a "Committee of Safety". Looting was an early problem and looted whiskey created mobs of drunken revelers who hampered rescue operations. The Army, Marines, National Guard and others were called in, and Schmitz issued an order "looters would be killed on the spot."

Animals were affected by the quake and whined early on. Cows had to be calmed and it was days before they gave milk again. Another interesting note, actor John Barrymore was a guest at the St. Francis Hotel and was said to be entertaining a young woman - fiancee of another man - in his suite at the time.

The city had an excellent fire department with a fine chief, Dennis Sullivan, who had battled for years to get money needed to build a supplementary salt-water system and to reactivate dozens of cisterns built years before under downtown streets. In 1898, "Lucky" Baldwin's magnificent hotel "The Baldwin" was destroyed by fire and almost all the block could have gone. Sadly, the chief was an early casualty of the quake when he was hit by a smokestack that crashed through the roof and he died three days later. It was a time when he was needed the most and they faced the holocaust without him and without water.

The largest of the fires that started was called the "Ham and Eggs" fire. A woman kindled the fire in her stove to cook breakfast not knowing the flu had been damaged. The flames from this burned over a larger area than any of the other fires. Dynamite was one method used to control the fires.

By Saturday, the 21st, the fire had run its course. The destruction in the city was overwhelming, the "heart and guts" gone and 100,000 were homeless. It rained Saturday night.

Quickly the country and the world swung into action with food, medicine, tons of supplies to pour into the city. San Francisco began the staggering task of beginning again. It was also amazing how well that was done.

This city had a killer quake in 1868 and one more recently but no earthquake before or since in this country has been written about or studied as much as this 1906 quake. It was definitely San Francisco's "Big One."

John Provine, Arboretum Superintendent, To Speak

Guest speaker at the next Arboretum volunteers general meeting will be John Provine.

The Los Vols meeting is on September 8. Provine has been on the staff of the Arboretum of Los Angeles County since completing his student work there in 1965. He is currently the superintendent of the 127 acre garden.

Provine will present a slide film talk condensing over 30 years at the Arboretum into a 45-minute presentation. He has lived at Big Bear for eight years, but as a Pasadena native and former Arcadia resident his roots go deep locally.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Ayres Hall on Monday, September 8, 1997. Entrance fees will be in effect for non-members. The Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia - telephone (626)821-3222.

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